

Question on Notice

No. 937

Asked on Wednesday 22 August 2018

MR C WHITING ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how the Palaszczuk Government's investment in transport infrastructure and the introduction of Fairer Fares has benefited the residents in the electorate of Bancroft?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bancroft for the question and commend his strong advocacy to improve transport options for Bancroft residents.

As at 31 August 2018, Fairer Fares has saved customers across South East Queensland more than \$117 million.

The following policies were implemented under Fairer Fares.

- **Fewer zones:** 23 zones were reduced to eight.
- **Cheaper fares:** All zones fares were reduced, and a single zone fare was cut from \$3.35 to \$3.20 for adults travelling in a peak period using a *go* card.
- **Off-peak for longer:** Off-peak periods were extended from 3 am through to 6 am. The 20 per cent off-peak discount remains in place for travel between 7 pm and 6 am as well as 8.30 am and 3.30 pm, and all day weekends.
- **Children travel free at weekends:** Children five to 14 years old (inclusive) travel free on the weekends with a child *go* card.
- **Incentives:** Seniors and pensioners 'One, Two, FREE' travel remains. The 'Nine + FREE' free travel incentive changes to eight paid journeys and 50 per cent off subsequent journeys per week.
- **Concessions for Queensland job seekers and asylum seekers:** Newstart/Youth Allowance recipients and asylum seekers across Queensland are able to access concession fares.
- **Concessions for Veterans:** Since the introduction of Fairer Fares, the Palaszczuk Government has extended fare concessions to Department of Veterans' Affairs 'White Card' holders.

Commuters travelling on a *go* card during peak times from North Lakes shopping centre to Brisbane CBD are saving over \$276 dollars per year, or 9.6 per cent, when compared to prices before Fairer Fares was implemented.

The residents of the Bancroft electorate have also benefitted from the introduction of infrastructure such as the Redcliffe Peninsular line and associated bus service improvements.

To support bus network changes for the opening of the Redcliffe Peninsula Rail Line in 2016, the Department of Transport and Main Roads delivered 50 new bus stops in the area surrounding the new train line. Seven of these new bus stops were built to improve access for Bancroft residents in the suburbs of Mango Hill and Deception Bay.

Total expenditure on planning and delivery of new bus stops was \$1.21 million funded through the Passenger Transport Infrastructure Investment Program.