

Question on Notice

No. 1707

Asked on Tuesday 22 October 2019

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Ormeau, Coomera, Helensvale, Nerang, Robina and Varsity Lakes train stations—

Will the Minister advise for each station (in table format) (a) the average number of passengers per day in 2018 and (b) how many parking spaces are provided at each train station?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing a reliable and accessible public transport network and understands the important role our park 'n' ride facilities play, allowing commuters to connect with the network where walking, cycling and other transport options are limited. This is why the Palaszczuk Government has committed approximately \$200 million for park 'n' ride upgrades across South East Queensland since 2015.

The following table outlines the average number of passengers per day in 2018 and the number of parking spaces available at each train station, according to the Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) most recent park 'n' ride survey.

Train station	Average daily passengers (weekday)	Approximate number of spaces
Ormeau	685	270
Coomera	1479	555
Helensvale	3754	1290
Nerang	1405	730
Robina	1484	925
Varsity Lakes	1383	475

The Palaszczuk Government is taking the necessary steps to help ease congestion by connecting Gold Coast residents with public transport as the region continues to grow. Recent investment in the park 'n' ride upgrades at Varsity Lakes station will provide 185 new commuter car parks and make 165 temporary spaces permanent. Varsity Lakes commuters will benefit from an extra 350 permanent parking spaces, increasing the overall capacity to more than 650 spaces.

The Palaszczuk Government has announced an additional \$2 million funding boost to Ormeau station park 'n' ride, which brings the overall total investment to \$4 million. This will result in a further 40 car parks, which means this project will now deliver 110 additional spaces, increasing the total capacity to around 390 once constructed.

The Palaszczuk Government is also delivering when it comes to providing a reliable and accessible public transport network. Over the next few years, TMR will deliver more than 3000 new park 'n' ride spaces, adding to the 31,500 plus spaces already available to customers across the network.

The Member for Theodore should note that:

- the number of parking spaces includes both general and accessible parking
- in addition to driving to the stations, customers also access the stations through kiss 'n' ride, active transport and connecting public transport services
- the ratio of average daily passengers to number of spaces at Helensvale station is relatively high due to people transferring from light rail and bus services. In particular, 1579 of the average daily passengers at Helensvale were transfers from Surfside bus and light rail services. These people would not make use of Helensvale's park 'n' ride facilities.