

Question on Notice

No. 212

Asked on Wednesday 19 February 2020

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of incidents reported on Gold Coast public transport of (a) disruptive behaviour, (b) fare evasion and (c) abuse (reported separately by year for the past five years)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bonney for the question.

Tackling fare evasion and anti-social behaviour on public transport on the Gold Coast is a key focus area for the Palaszczuk Government, we are committed to continuing action to address this issue.

The Palaszczuk Government held two Youth Fare Evasion Roundtables last year, bringing together more than 30 representatives from a range of government agencies, education, police, university, justice, transport, child safety and community advocacy sectors.

Several initiatives in the plan have now been completed, including undertaking research with young people and parents into the causes and potential solutions of deliberate fare evasion, development of tailored education materials for schools and parents, and targeted joint enforcement operations at known hotspots with high rates of youth fare evasion.

Table 1 lists infringements issued relating to travel taking place on Gold Coast Queensland Rail stations (Ormeau to Varsity Lakes), G: link tram stations/services, and Surfside Bus Line services.

Table 1:

	Fare evasion	Creating a nuisance or disturbance
	Infringements	Infringements
2015	23,253	73
2016	24,882	64
2017	27,902	69
2018*	32,181	53
2019	41,401	82

*There was a decrease in the number of notices issued on the Gold Coast in 2018 due to changes to transport operations and compliance activities, to support the delivery of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games held on the Gold Coast between 4 April and 15 April 2018.

All South East Queensland service delivery partners are required to submit a monthly incident report to TransLink. This report covers all urban, school and nightlink services.

The incident report does not specifically measure (a) disruptive behaviour, (b) fare evasion, or (c) abuse as requested in the question.