

Question on Notice

No. 45

Asked on Tuesday 4 February 2020

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the families and students at Bardon, Rainworth, Auchenflower and Rosalie who do not have a direct bus to their local catchment high school, Kelvin Grove State College—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the department and Translink will consider the request for a direct bus in the Term 3 review of school routes and (b) will the government commit to increase overall funding for the bus network to improve connections with both Kelvin Grove State College and Indooroopilly State High School?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

School routes 775am and 775pm were implemented on 28 January 2020, Term 1 this year, as part of the bi-annual school network review. The new school service covers the areas of Bardon, Paddington, Ashgrove, Rosalie and Red Hill, providing a one-seat journey to and from Kelvin Grove State College. The passenger utilisation level of these new routes will be monitored during first semester 2020.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' TransLink Division (TransLink) and delivery partners undertake reviews of the school bus network bi-annually to ensure services are consistent and provide reliability of travel. Any changes to the school network are developed in collaboration with TransLink's delivery partners, and are based on customer enquiries and requests, as well as the delivery partner's knowledge of the school routes and school timetables.

Given the recent change introduced at Kelvin Grove State College, TransLink is satisfied that the school bus networks for both that school, as well as Indooroopilly State High School, meet the needs of their communities.

I also note that this new service has been funded as part of ongoing record levels of investment that the Palaszczuk Government is making into public transport across Queensland.