

Question on Notice

No. 582

Asked on 22 May 2025

MR S KNUTH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to STAS providing transport funding for primary school students who live more than 3.2 km from the nearest state primary school, while secondary school students must live more than 4.8 km from the nearest state secondary school to receive subsidised travel, and with 50 cent public transport fares continuing to alleviate cost of living costs for families—

Will the Minister commit to reviewing this anomaly to ensure both primary and secondary school students receive equal subsidised travel, particularly in regional Queensland?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to providing support to Queensland families to assist with the cost of transporting students to and from school. The School Transport Assistance Scheme (STAS) is a significant state-wide arrangement, with a significant annual budget to deliver school transport across the state in a consistent and equitable manner.

The distance criteria of 3.2 kilometres for primary students and 4.8 kilometres for secondary students underpin the foundation of STAS eligibility, reflecting the varying needs and capabilities of students at different ages. Further, many students who do not meet the STAS distance criteria can access 50 cent fares for travel to school on services in regional centres.