

SMARTRIDER CARDS — MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

**54. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the distribution of SmartRider cards by Labor MPs to the public via their parliamentary electorate offices.

- (1) Are these cards being provided to Labor MPs by the state government?
- (2) If yes to (1), what has been the cost to date and the number of cards provided for distribution?
- (3) If yes to (1), does this program apply exclusively to Labor MPs?
- (4) On what dates did the distribution of the cards first occur?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The following answer has been provided to me on behalf of the Minister for Transport.

- (1)–(4) To assist constituents who wish to access the government’s free public transport initiatives, an initial 15 SmartRiders, and later an additional 50, loaded with a minimum balance have been offered to each member of the Legislative Assembly. Fifteen SmartRiders were posted to each opposition MLA on 9 January 2024. A further 50 per MLA were offered to the opposition in February, with the allocation for Liberal MLAs delivered to 2 Parliament Place on 14 February 2024 and the allocation for Nationals WA MLAs delivered to Parliament House reception on 20 February 2024, as requested by opposition staff members. The SmartRiders that were not collected by government MLAs have been offered to government members of the Legislative Council. Requests for additional SmartRider cards can be made to the minister’s office and will be facilitated when possible.