

SMARTRIDER CARDS — MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

965. Mr R.S. Love to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to The Summer of Free Public Transport SmartRider initiative media statement on 15 December, that started on 24 December 2023, and I ask:

- (a) what was the total number of SmartRiders distributed to each Member of Parliament;
- (b) when were they distributed to each Member of Parliament and how;
- (c) how many were activated; and
- (d) what was the total cost?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a)–(d) To assist constituents who wish to access the Government’s free public transport initiatives, an initial 15, and later an additional 50, SmartRiders loaded with a minimum balance have been offered to each Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA).

15 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 being delivered to 2 Parliament Place on 14 February 2024, and the allocation for Nationals MLAs delivered to Parliament House Reception on 20 February 2024, as requested by Opposition staff members.

SmartRiders not collected by Government MLAs 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 where possible.