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PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION
ASKED BY

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TO

HON. JOHANY EBANKS
MINISTER OF PLANNING, LANDS, AGRICULTURE, HOUSING & INTRASTRUCTURE

QUESTION:

Can the Honourable Minister provide the:
(a) total cost of the Eastern Link public transport pilot;
(b) number of passenger journeys recorded since its launch on 1 October 2026;
(c) average daily ridership by route; and
(d) performance criteria Government will use to determine whether the service should continue beyond the four-month pilot?

ANSWER:

Mr. Speaker,

The estimated cost of the four-month Eastern Link Public Transport Pilot is between $90,000 and $95,000, with expenditure not expected to exceed $100,000.

Between 1 and 31 October 2026, the pilot recorded 649 passenger journeys, comprising:

- 204 journeys on the East End route;
- 324 journeys on the North Side route; and
- 121 journeys on the East End via Queen's Highway route.

Mr. Speaker, the reported average daily ridership was 26 passengers on the East End route, 40 on the North Side route and 14 via Queen's Highway.

The decision to continue the pilot beyond its initial four months will be based on five performance indicators: financial performance, passenger ridership, service reliability, passenger satisfaction and community benefit.

These findings will determine whether the service continues, is modified, extended for further assessment or discontinued.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.