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Mr Neil Laurie
The Clerk of the Parliament
Parliament House
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to a petition number 1924-12 lodged with the Legislative Assembly by Mr Steve Davies MP, Member for Capalaba on 10 July 2012 about reinstating the 257 - Ormiston to Brisbane City bus service which was removed by the previous government.

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Boarding data for the period of August and September 2011 showed that this rocket service was underutilised carrying an average of 18 passengers per trip on route 257. Passenger loadings identified that in the morning peak bus route 257 was operating at 42 percent of total capacity and in the evening peak was operating at only 15 percent of total capacity. This data was verified by onboard counts conducted in November 2011.

TransLink is currently undertaking a review of the bus network to ensure that resources are directed to where they can provide maximum benefit to public transport users.

Public consultation will be undertaken later this year and I would encourage the petitioners to participate in this process.

Yours sincerely

Scott Emerson MP

Minister for Transport and Main Roads