

## Question on Notice

No. 189

Asked on Thursday, 8 March 2018

**MR M HUNT** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the pedestrian access to cross the tracks at Cooroy Station—

Will the Minister advise (a) whether this crossing meets disability standards, (b) the current plan for upgrading this crossing, (c) the likely cost of the upgrade and (d) whether the Minister will commit to funding this upgrade in this year's budget?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Nicklin for the question.

Some of Queensland Rail's south east Queensland network was built more than 150 years ago. Therefore some infrastructure, including stations and footbridges, does not meet current disability standards.

Queensland Rail has a rolling program to progressively upgrade all stations and other infrastructure to ensure they comply with current disability standards, and ensure all customers are provided safe and easy access to the rail network.

This program is prioritised by balancing a range of factors including, patronage, nearby community facilities, existing level of accessibility, condition of the asset and complexity of delivering an upgrade. This prioritisation approach was adopted in consultation with the disability sector to ensure areas with the greatest need are accurately recognised, and that maximum benefits for the community are realised.

I am advised that at this stage a timeframe for an accessibility upgrade of Cooroy station and associated infrastructure is to be determined.

Queensland Rail's Citytrain network includes 152 stations, including more than 50 per cent (80 stations) which offer independent access. Based on patronage data, currently 78 per cent of customers travel to and from accessible stations.

Queensland Rail's goal is to ensure everyone, in each community, has equal access to the rail services which connect their community to key activity centres, employment, study and friends and family.