

Question on Notice

No. 173

Asked on 15 March 2023

MR J LISTER ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to delays to the Brisbane train network on 8 December 2022—

Will the Minister advise (a) details of what infrastructure was damaged, (b) the cause of the damage, (c) the time that the damage occurred, (d) the time taken to restore services and (e) how this outage relates to the further power outages on 13 and 28 December 2022?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Southern Downs for the question.

At approximately 3.30 am on 8 December 2022, severe storm activity damaged a multi-wire cable at Bowen Hills that connects track circuits and signals. As a result, delays were experienced across the rail network. Queensland Rail crews worked hard to successfully restore the network safely and as quick as possible, with normal operations resuming on all lines at approximately 4.44 pm on 8 December 2022.

Queensland Rail continues to invest heavily in the maintenance of its network to ensure it is safe and reliable for all customers. Rapid response crews and extra equipment are strategically located at hubs across the network to be deployed quickly in the event of an unplanned disruption.

I am advised that the incident on 8 December 2022 was as a result of severe storm activity experienced across all of South East Queensland and does not relate to the overhead power line incidents on 13 and 28 December 2022.