

**Question on Notice**

**No. 765**

**Asked on 14 June 2023**

**MR S BENNETT** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the reduction in regional train services between regional towns and Brisbane that are not being replaced with bus services—

Will the Minister advise how Bundaberg and Burnett residents will travel to Brisbane for medical appointments on days when trains are not operating?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Burnett for the question.

Queensland Rail's North Coastline train timetable incorporating the Tilt Train, *Spirit of Queensland* and *Spirit of the Outback* services will temporarily change from 17 July 2023 to enable essential, statutory maintenance works on its Electric Tilt Trains, to ensure safety and reliability. The works require the Electric Tilt Trains to come offline for up to 14 months to allow for intensive maintenance to the traction and braking systems, carriage couplings and other mechanical improvements.

A morning and evening train (day trip return) will be servicing Wide Bay every weekday, except Wednesday. Hospital and Health Services (HHSs) have been provided a copy of the new timetable and I understand HHS Patient Travel Offices will be working with patients, to manage bookings, as required.