

**Question on Notice**

**No. 235**

**Asked on 7 March 2024**

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to 'Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding in 2023—24 Budget Paper 2, page 218'—

Will the Minister advise (a) what proportion of that funding is spent in SEQ compared to the rest of Queensland and (b) what proportion supports SEQ passenger services compared to freight or long-distance passenger services?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Maiwar for the question.

- (a) Of the \$867.3 million estimate identified for Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding in 2023–24, \$547.5 million (approximately 63.1 per cent) is to be spent in South East Queensland (SEQ), with \$319.8 million (approximately 36.9 per cent) to be spent in the rest of Queensland.
- (b) It is not possible to separate all associated investment on the basis of specific transport tasks. The identified investment in Rail Network and Infrastructure Funding in 2023–24 collectively supports and benefits a range of passenger (Citytrain and long-distance) and freight services across the State, noting these services utilise the same rail systems and share key corridors.

Queensland Rail owns and operates a single rail network that supports both passenger and freight services. For example, while Citytrain services operate in SEQ, there are a number of long-distance passenger and freight services that operate on the regional rail network which have an origin and destination in SEQ.