

Question on Notice

No. 323

Asked on Wednesday 07 March 2006

MR NICHOLLS asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Citytrain network which covers approximately 300 kilometres of track and includes 145 stations—

- (1) What is the amount of funding allocated to the maintenance budget for 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 (reported separately)?
- (2) What was the actual expenditure on track and station (reported separately) maintenance for each of those financial years (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honorable Member for his question.

The Beattie Government introduced Transport Service Contracts which are negotiated on an efficient price basis to purchase transport services on behalf of government from Queensland Rail (QR).

The principal benefits of the transport service contracts are that they:

- provide a flexible, accountable and transparent mechanism for the government to satisfy its transport and related policy objective
- enable the government to identify explicitly the minimum level and standards of services it requires to be provided
- enable government to determine whether the level of funding for these services is providing the best value for money from an overall transport policy perspective
- provide a secure and predictable funding stream for QR.

The current Transport Service Contract (Rail Infrastructure) will continue until the year 2013. This contract provides QR with funding of \$325.8m per annum for seven years for the maintenance of rail track and associated infrastructure (such as overhead wiring etc) to standards agreed within the contract.

The Citytrain network covers 390 route km and 143 stations. Again, QR is the railway manager who maintains the network under contract with Queensland Transport.

- (1) The amount of funding allocated to maintenance by Queensland Rail for the Citytrain network 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is:

| | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | \$ million | \$ million | \$ million |
| Maintenance | 61.03 | 62.32 | 62.70 |

(2) The actual expenditure on track and station maintenance by Queensland Rail for the Citytrain network for each of the financial years is:

| | 2004/05 | 2005/06 | 2006/07 |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| | Actual \$ million | Actual \$ million | \$ Actual million |
| Track maintenance | 50.15 | 49.82 | 26.00 to January 2007 |
| Station maintenance | 10.55 | 9.70* | 6.355 to January 2007 |

* Actual funding was \$2.8m less than forecast for the 2005/06 year. Any programmes not delivered in that year, were rolled over into the following year.