

Question on Notice

No. 1081

Asked on Wednesday 2 September 2009

MR PETER WELLINGTON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to railway passenger services between Nambour and Brisbane? Will any new railway passenger carriages (with or without toilets) be made available to improve services this financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

I am advised that QR Passenger Pty Ltd currently operates Intercity Express (ICE) units on the Brisbane to Nambour corridor, as well as the more common Electric Multiple Units (EMU), Suburban Multiple Unit (SMU) and Interurban Multiple Units (IMU) services.

QR Passenger Pty Ltd's scheduled outbound services are:

- 12 services between Brisbane to Nambour from Monday to Friday, eight with toilets on-board and two shuttle services between Caboolture to Nambour; and
- five services between Brisbane to Nambour on Saturdays and Sundays, all with toilets on-board and four shuttle services between Caboolture and Nambour.

Scheduled inbound services are:

- 10 services between Nambour to Brisbane from Monday to Thursday, seven with toilets on-board and two shuttle services between Nambour to Caboolture;
- 11 services between Nambour to Brisbane on Fridays, nine with toilets on-board and two shuttle services between Nambour to Caboolture;
- six services between Nambour to Brisbane on Saturdays, all with toilets on-board and four shuttle services between Nambour to Caboolture; and
- three services between Nambour to Brisbane on Sundays, all with toilets on-board and four shuttle services between Nambour to Caboolture.

The type of rollingstock used for scheduled services is dependant on availability. QR Passenger Pty Ltd is not planning to allocate new railway passenger carriages to replace the existing rollingstock used from Brisbane to Nambour this financial year.

In the past, passengers using this corridor have requested QR Passenger Pty Ltd to keep to ICE services, as these provide a superior level of comfort for long distance travellers. Furthermore, over the past two years, QR Passenger Pty Ltd has made the following service improvements to this corridor:

- two six-car all-station services changed to three-car express services;
- an additional three-car service for the inbound morning peak period;
- an additional three-car service for the outbound afternoon peak period; and
- two three-car services were upgraded to six-car services.