

Question on Notice

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MR SEENEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the Maryborough to Monto railway line—
How many QR employees are based at each station on that line and what duties are they required to perform?

ANSWER:

Maryborough

There are 91 employees based at Maryborough who carry out a range of duties. Their roles and duties on the Monto line encompass:

- structure gang workers;
- structure planners;
- wayside staff;
- telecommunication staff;
- regional freight staff members performing station master and rail operator roles; and
- traincrew.

Structure gangs based at Maryborough and Miriam Vale carry out bridge and drainage maintenance and inspections on the Monto line.

Two to three wayside staff periodically attend to routine maintenance of level crossings on the Monto line. However, the majority of their time is spent on the North Coast Line.

Biggenden

At Biggenden station, there is one station master who receives and delivers freight in the local area.

Gayndah

There are 10 employees based at Gayndah station. The roles encompass:

- track workers;
- station master; and
- traincrew.

The Gayndah and Monto track gangs mostly carry out inspections, vegetation control, fencing and minor routine maintenance work on the line. The Gayndah gang is also used for closure work on the North Coast Line.

Mundubbera

There are two employees based at Mundubbera station. One is the station master while the other is a transport service operator who receives and delivers freight to the local area.

Eidsvold

This station is closed.

Monto

There are eight employees based at Monto station. The roles and duties encompass:

- track workers;
- station master; and
- rail operators who receive and deliver freight to the local area.

In addition to the above, one track planner who is based at Goomeri carries out track inspections on the Kingaroy and Monto branches, as well as on the North Coast Line.