Question on Notice

No. 1425

Asked on Wednesday 7 October 2009

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

QUESTION:

With reference to cattle train services—

- (1) What additional services have been provided through QR since 1 January 2009 (listing the dates of these services from departure location to destination location and the number of cattle transported)?
- (2) How many cattle trains were provided in 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 (including the number of actual services and the total number of cattle transported for these time periods)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for the question.

- (1) I am advised that QR Limited constructs its service offering based on close consultation with industry to ensure customer needs are met. The summary of the services below indicates that QR Limited has consistently provided in excess of what industry indicated they required for the year ahead.
- (2) The table below indicates the number of cattle trains provided and the number of cattle transported from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2009. An analysis of the data below clearly indicates that QR Limited provided more capacity to industry than was used.

Financial year	Cattle railed	Cattle trains used	Trains made available	Trains made available but unused
2006/07	308,000	308	816	508
2007/08	428,000	428	648	220
2008/09	266,000	266	540	234