

Question on Notice

No. 1477

Asked on Thursday 8 October 2009

MS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT (MS NOLAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the delivery dates of each new train set for QR (passenger) in 2007-08 and 2008-09 and proposed dates of delivery in 2009-10 and 2010-11 and (b) on which lines these train sets have been put into operation and on what date?

ANSWER:

Since delivery of the new passenger rollingstock commenced in May 2007, 35 new three car sets have been rolled out onto the network. That's more than one new train every month. Precise dates of delivery for the new trains are subject to a range of factors, but we expect to continue to receive one per month up until the end of 2011.

This means 64 new three-carriage trains by the end of 2011. This will increase the fleet by 45% to over 200 trains. This is the largest expansion of our train fleet since electrification.

New services have been implemented on the following lines:

- Gold Coast line in July 2007
- Gold Coast, Ferny Grove and Beenleigh lines in March 2008
- Caboolture and Ipswich lines in February 2009.

Over the period of new unit delivery, new units are allocated either to service on particular lines or to balance the heavy maintenance requirement by taking the place of older units in need of maintenance.

QR Passenger Pty Ltd aims to bring the overall fleet utilisation during peak periods from 92.8% to the benchmarked 90% to allow for a balance between units in service and the appropriate level of maintenance to ensure reliability of the units.