

Question on Notice

No. 19

Asked on Tuesday, 14 February 2017

MR A POWELL asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise for each week since 1 October 2016 the amount of overtime paid to (a) CityTrain Drivers and (b) CityTrain Guards?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

Queensland Rail is working to implement the Commission of Inquiry recommendations and the Government's five-point plan, to boost traincrew numbers and restore services.

One recommendation from the Commission of Inquiry is that Queensland Rail deliver and maintain a structural surplus of traincrew to enable operations to be conducted without the systemic reliance on overtime, discretionary shifts, and tutors and inspectors in operational capacities.

As such, Queensland Rail has advertised externally for ex-Queensland Rail drivers to apply to re-join its ranks.

Below is a table showing the overtime costs for both train drivers and guards since the beginning of October 2016.

Pay Period End Date	Overtime Costs (BLP/SLP/Excess Time) for Citytrain Guards	Overtime Costs (BLP/SLP/Excess Time) for Citytrain Drivers
16/10/2016	467,281.59	695,080.09
30/10/2016	415,989.67	651,514.36
13/11/2016	411,993.57	627,165.89
27/11/2016	394,055.23	596,169.12
11/12/2016	398,470.10	658,913.18
25/12/2016	351,363.97	551,047.89
8/01/2017	420,110.93	534,097.36
22/01/2017	469,842.34	643,477.17
5/02/2017	422,599.59	532,992.09
19/02/2017	393,788.58	590,197.08

It is estimated that if timetabled services were operated during this time without the need to pay overtime, the cost of base salary wages for train drivers and guards in this same period would total more than \$5.68 million.