

Question on Notice

No. 16

Asked on 13 February 2024

MR J KRAUSE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Citytrain services delivered in 2023—

Will the Minister advise how many scheduled or planned six-car train services operated with a three-car set (reported separately by month)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Scenic Rim for the question.

Trains are allocated on customer load modelling, to meet supply and demand needs across the South East Queensland network. Within safety guidelines, all Queensland Rail trains operate during morning and afternoon peak hours, to maximise the number of customers that can be transported at these busy times.

Queensland Rail's aim is to provide six carriages on each train for customers. At times, due to reduced unit availability, a decision to operate three-car trains will occur and will remain the preference over cancelling the service altogether.

Since 2019, the number of available six-car units has been reduced primarily due to the 75 New Generation Rollingstock (NGR), purchased by the former Newman Government, needing to be overhauled to meet Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport, budgeted at \$335 million.

Six to eight NGR units undergo disability compliance works at one time, impacting Queensland Rail's scheduled services. Disability upgrades are expected to be completed later this year.

During 2023, Queensland Rail operated 404,034 services and the number of three-car sets operated is detailed below:

- January – 1049
- February – 1087
- March – 1508
- April – 122
- May – 500
- June – 927
- July – 3592
- August – 1870
- September – 490
- October – 723
- November – 576
- December – 1137.