

Question on Notice

No. 1210

Asked on 16 October 2025

MR B MELLISH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to CityTrain services delivered in the 2024–25 financial year—

Will the Minister advise how many scheduled or planned six-car train services operated with a three-car set (reported separately by month, as per the format of the answer to Question on Notice No.16 of 2024)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

Queensland Rail's key focus is delivering reliable rail services. This includes prioritising the use of six-car trains on every service. On some occasions, it is necessary to use a three-car train to avoid cancelling a service, ensuring rail customers can get to and from their destination.

During the 2024–25 financial year, Queensland Rail operated 376,048 services, with unplanned three-car sets accounting for just 0.44 per cent of operated services. Compared with the previous financial year, when 15,945 unplanned three-car sets were operated, this is an improvement of almost 90 per cent.

The number of unplanned three-car sets operated per month during the 2024–25 financial year is detailed below:

- July 2024 – 302
- August 2024 – 108
- September 2024 – 21
- October 2024 – 3
- November 2024 – 7
- December 2024 – 70
- January 2025 – 0
- February 2025 – 45
- March 2025 – 244
- April 2025 – 421
- May 2025 – 104
- June 2025 – 344.

As the Member will recall, Tropical Cyclone Alfred impacted Queensland in March 2025 and Queensland Rail's focus was on disaster preparation and then recovery. As a result, some non-critical rollingstock maintenance was deferred and additional three-car sets were used from March to June 2025 to ensure continuity of service for commuters.