

Question on Notice

No. 1781

Asked on Thursday 24 October 2019

MR D PURDIE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the metrics for on-time running (OTR) and reliability for the Gympie North services which are presently bundled up with the OTR statistics for the Sunshine Coast Line for the 2018-19 financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

Queensland Rail is focused on continuing to improve its on-time running performance across the network, including for Gympie North services.

Last financial year (2018–19), Queensland Rail reliably operated 98.94 per cent of Gympie North services, with 79.04 per cent running on-time, taking into account force majeure.

Gympie North services travel the longest journey on the South East Queensland network. They also share track infrastructure with Caboolture and Redcliffe Peninsula trains, as well as freight and long-distance travel services. This means delays on any of these services or lines can cause flow-on impacts to Gympie North trains.

Queensland Rail works hard to minimise the impacts of any unplanned disruptions and has crews and equipment positioned at both Petrie and Sunshine in the north to ensure rapid responses to incidents, particularly during peak times.

Queensland Rail is investing in infrastructure and rollingstock upgrades to continually improve the on-time running and reliability of Gympie North services. This includes the delivery of a \$43 million signalling system upgrade between Caboolture and Gympie North, to enable newer trains to operate to Gympie North in the future, and a comprehensive maintenance program for its current fleet.

Queensland Rail is also committed to working with the Department of Transport and Main Roads on the Beerburrum to Nambour Rail Upgrade Project, which will provide additional track capacity on the Sunshine Coast line to enable future timetable improvements.