

RAIL TRANSPORT — 2017–18 STATE BUDGET — CATEGORY B OCCURRENCES

2115. Mrs L.M. Harvey to the Minister for Transport; Planning; Lands:

- (1) Why has the key effectiveness indicator for Category B occurrences been revised up from the 2016–17 budget target of 32.56 occurrences per million train kilometres to 43.34 occurrences per million train kilometres for 2017–18?
- (2) How many category B occurrences were there in 2016–17 for each incident category including slips, trips and falls, trespass and level crossing occurrences?
- (3) How many category B occurrences are estimated in 2017–18 for each incident category including slips, trips and falls, trespass and level crossing occurrences?
- (4) Was the Auditor General’s Office involved in developing the new key effectiveness indicators?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (1) In determining the 2017/18 target for Category B occurrences the PTA considered the number of Category B occurrences in previous years, which were:

2014/15 – 650;

2015/16 – 751. A 15.5 per cent increase on the previous year; and

2016/17 – 918. A 22 per cent increase on the previous year.

The PTA then applied a conservative estimate of a 9 per cent increase on Category B incidents (from 918 to 1,000), which resulted in the target figure of 43.34 occurrences per million train kilometres for 2017/18. The 9 per cent increase was applied globally to Category B incidents with no individual incident category breakdown.

A large proportion of Category B incidents are beyond the reasonable control of the PTA. The estimate set is an acknowledgement of the upwards trend of incidents. This is despite extensive efforts to control or reduce incident occurrence including a variety of marketing and community education campaigns.

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Category	Number of Incidents
Trespass	328
Slip, Trip or Fall	220
Level Crossing Occurrence	103
Alleged Assault	71
Vandalism	48
Safeworking Rule or Procedure Breach	31
Signal Passed at Danger	24
Track and Civil Infrastructure Irregularity	21
Collision on Running Line	15
Suspected Suicide or Attempted Suicide	15
Alcohol or Drugs Irregularity	12
Electrical Infrastructure Irregularity	5
Fire	5
Derailment	4
Security Issue	4
Proceed Authority Exceeded	3
Collision in Yard	2
Rollingstock Irregularity	2
Signalling and Proceed Authority System Irregular	2
Explosion	1
Runaway	1
Terrorism / Sabotage	1

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- (3) There are 1000 category B incidents estimated for 2017/2018, a 9 per cent increase on the previous year.
- (4) No.