

Question on Notice

No. 4

Asked on Wednesday 19 July 2017

The Member for Glass House asked the Deputy Premier, Minister for Transport and Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (HON J TRAD) —

QUESTION:

Can you tell the committee how many SMU260 units are in operation in Queensland Rail at the moment? Also, it is established that Mr Kummerfeld will be unfamiliar with a certain range of the current trains Queensland Rail operates and therefore will require training on these units; is that correct?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

Suburban Multiple Units (SMUs) have been in the Queensland Rail fleet since 1994.

Between 2008 and 2011, 36 SMU260s entered service in the Queensland Rail fleet. There are only minor differences between the classes of SMUs. The SMU fleet has a very similar cab design and driving procedures to other trains on the network.

As stated previously, Mr Kummerfeld will be retrained and will need to achieve the required competencies before returning to driving on the network.

Driving training takes place in a classroom, simulator and on-track with a tutor driver. It covers a wide range of knowledge and skills, including the various trains, signals and routes, mechanical fault finding, and safety and security procedures.