

**Question on Notice**

**No. 1015**

**Asked on 2 September 2021**

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

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister provide a list of all meetings the Minister and/or his office staff have had since 1 January 2020 with (a) Downer Rail, (b) CAF and (c) Alstom?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Ninderry for the question.

As a key part of their role, my staff consult with a variety of stakeholders relevant to my portfolio areas, including members of the opposition. It is noted that both Downer Rail and Alstom have existing contractual relationships with the Department of Transport and Main Roads and Queensland Rail. For example, in relation to New Generation Rollingstock which was a procurement process completed under the previous LNP Government, resulting in non-disability compliant trains that are currently being rectified in Maryborough.

Details of all meetings which I have attended with my staff are publicly available. I am advised that my currently employed staff have not had separate meetings with the relevant groups, and further that it would be an unreasonable use of resources to seek to identify details of any meetings held by former staff members who are no longer employed in my office.

To ensure probity of the process and compliance with the conditions governing the invitation for the expression of interest procurement process, I wrote to all ministers on 23 December 2020. I encouraged ministers and their staff in the event of any engagement, to:

- have two or more ministerial or government staff present during any meetings with interested parties
- appropriately record minutes of meetings and make clear from the outset the rollingstock procurement will not be discussed
- note it would not be appropriate to accept any hospitality or other events with interested parties during the procurement period.

I welcome the Member's interest in the Palaszczuk Government's \$600 million commitment to build trains in Maryborough, supporting 690 jobs.