

## Question on Notice

No. 1430

Asked on 16 November 2021

**MR S MINNIKIN** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise why a manufacturing facility for the Rollingstock Expansion Program will now be built and owned by government, given that in the original EOI released in December 2020 the government indicated it wanted the private sector to provide the facility?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

The Member for Chatsworth appears, however, to have misunderstood the parameters established by the original Expression of Interest, which always provided for the State to own—and the private sector to design and build—a manufacturing facility, that location now having been settled as Lot 35, Bruce Highway, Torbanlea.

In October 2021, the Palaszczuk Government announced a \$7.1 billion plan to build 65 new trains and related manufacturing and maintenance infrastructure in Queensland. As the State's single largest train infrastructure investment, the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP) will help rebuild and support the State's economy, and bolster Queensland as a leader in rail manufacturing with long-term jobs and skills development.

The Palaszczuk Government's investment in the QTMP—previously called the Rollingstock Expansion Program—is an extension of the government's \$600 million election commitment to build 20 new trains at a purpose-built manufacturing facility in Maryborough, which is designed to benefit regional communities and businesses, and create local jobs. In line with the government's commitment to local content requirements, a manufacturing facility will be established at Torbanlea, which will reinvigorate Maryborough region's historical link to train manufacturing.