

Question on Notice

No. 1139

Asked on 26 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (investment ID 1804863)—

Will the Minister advise why last year's QTRIP showed the spend as of 30 June 2021 was \$35m but this year's QTRIP shows that the spend as of 30 June 2022 decreased to \$30.779m?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has made a decision to build 65 new trains for the South East Queensland network at Torbanlea, north of Maryborough. This will bring rail manufacturing back to the Maryborough region.

The estimated expenditure of \$35 million for the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (to 30 June 2021), as reported in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2021–22 to 2024–25* included provision for a number of expenses that were less than forecast.

Between the preparation of the *QTRIP 2021–22 to 2024–25* and *QTRIP 2022–23 to 2025–26*, the Palaszczuk Government made the decision to rescope the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program from 20 to 65 trains (noting the procurement always specified 20 with an option for a further 45). Forecast expenditure published in the current QTRIP reflects the expanded scope of the program.

The Palaszczuk Government is delivering its seventh record transport and roads infrastructure program in a row, as detailed in the *QTRIP 2022–23 to 2025–26*, which outlines \$29.7 billion in investment over the next four years and is estimated to support an average of 25,200 direct jobs over the life of the program.