

Question on Notice

No. 1158

Asked on 26 October 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to only the New Generation Rollingstock trains being able to operate in Cross River Rail—

Will the Minister confirm that Queensland Rail's older Interurban Multiple Unit (IMU) and Suburban Multiple Unit (SMU) trains will be exclusively used on the Ferny Grove, Shorncliffe, Airport, Doomben, Cleveland, Ipswich and Springfield lines?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Scenic Rim for the question.

Cross River Rail is South East Queensland's (SEQ) number one transport priority, and Queensland Rail is committed to ensuring its successful integration into its existing network and operations.

Queensland Rail is working closely with the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority and the Department of Transport and Main Roads to support the planning, delivery and implementation of the Cross River Rail project. The integration of Cross River Rail will result in significant changes to the current SEQ network and the way it operates. As part of preparations, technical experts from multiple agencies are working together to determine the relevant operational details.

The New Generation Rollingstock and newer trains procured in future will operate in the Cross River Rail tunnel. The Interurban and Suburban Multiple Unit fleets will service sector two (Shorncliffe, Airport, Doomben to/from Ipswich/Springfield) and sector three (Ferny Grove to/from Cleveland).

Further, the Palaszczuk Government is investing \$7.1 billion in the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program, building 65 trains in Maryborough by Queenslanders, for Queenslanders, not built overseas. These Queensland built trains will play an important role in rail operations as they come into service.