

Question on Notice

No. 1020

Asked on 12 September 2023

MR M BOOTHMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the prototype trains being built in South Korea—

Will the Minister advise the percentage of train components that will be manufactured in Australia and exported to South Korea for use in the prototypes?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

The Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP) is bringing train manufacturing and train manufacturing jobs back to Queensland. The program includes building 65 new six-car Queensland-made trains at a purpose-built manufacturing facility at Torbanlea, in the Maryborough region, on the Fraser Coast.

As Downer has indicated in a media release of 2 August 2023, all 65 QTMP Queensland-made trains will be built at the Torbanlea train manufacturing facility. To help upskill the local Queensland workforce, two prototypes will be built by Hyundai in Korea to establish the manufacturing process at Torbanlea. This will enable the transfer of technology and knowledge to our Queensland based rail manufacturing workforce.

Commercial arrangements between Downer and its joint venture partners are a matter for Downer.