

Question on Notice

No. 88

Asked on 23 February 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the selection criteria used to determine Translink operators that will be involved in the deployment of zero-emission vehicles prior to 2025?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Mermaid Beach for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has made a commitment that from 2025 all new Translink funded urban buses in South East Queensland will be zero emission buses, and for regional Queensland, implementation will begin between 2025 and 2030. The Department of Transport and Main Roads' (TMR) Zero Emission Bus Program (ZEBP) is working to deliver these commitments.

Since 2021, TMR has worked with delivery partners to trial zero emission buses across the state. Each of these trials arose separately, often at the initiative of a delivery partner or operator. Some trials were also self-funded by delivery partners. All trials are running for twelve months and under different conditions throughout Queensland.

Zero emission buses continue to be added to the network on the initiative of individual service delivery partners. The ZEBP will use the learnings from these trials and the recent industry engagement period to help inform decision-making for the rollout of all new buses from 2025.