

Question on Notice

No. 666

Asked on Thursday, 12 September 2013

MS TRAD asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR EMERSON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Newman Government's Local Industry Policy – A fair go for local industry (Interim update March 2013)—

Will the Minister detail the local industry participation plans established for the purchase of additional rolling stock for the urban rail network?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for South Brisbane for the question.

The New Generation Rollingstock Project will provide long-term job creation in the region, with local employment opportunities during the construction and operation of the maintenance centre at Wulkuraka.

Up to 200 people will be employed at the maintenance centre during the 30 year operating period.

The Local Industry Policy applies to the NGR project. This policy provides opportunities to capable and competitive local business to tender for this project work.

As the project is currently in the final bidding phase with two proponents, I cannot provide details about jobs at this stage. Further information will be available once the contract is awarded later this year.

The project is listed in the Industry Capability Network website. ICN is a business network that introduces companies to projects large and small. It is an independent organisation supported by Australian, state and territory governments.

I encourage any companies with an interest in the project to view the website at www.icn.org.au and register their interest.