

Question on Notice

No. 833

Asked on Tuesday, 19 November 2013

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how the New Generation Rollingstock facility at Wulkuraka in the electorate of Ipswich West will bring the railway back to Ipswich, help with supercharging the Queensland economy, create jobs and boost investment?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Ipswich West for the question.

The Queensland Government's New Generation Rollingstock project will see a significant increase to the train fleet to meet the growing demand for rail services in south-east Queensland.

The Honourable Campbell Newman, Premier of Queensland, The Honourable Tim Nicholls, Treasurer and Minister for Trade and I jointly announced on 18 November this year the Bombardier NGR Consortium, comprising of Bombardier Transportation Australia, John Laing, ITOCHU Corporation and Uberior, as the preferred tenderer.

The project involves purchasing 75 new six-car trains, maintenance of the trains for a period of 30 years, and construction and maintenance of a modern, purpose-built maintenance centre at Wulkuraka.

The project is the largest single investment by Queensland in rail and is being delivered via an availability payment public-private partnership finance option which will see the government securing the best deal for Queensland.

The government continues to negotiate with the preferred tenderer to ensure the best deal for Queensland and to achieve contract award by the end of December 2013.

Testing of the first completed train is expected to commence approximately two years after contract award. All 75 trains are to be delivered and in service by December 2018.

New Generation Rollingstock will provide long-term job creation in the Ipswich and South East Queensland Region, with employment opportunities to be provided over the design and construction phase, as well as up to 200 on going jobs at the Wulkuraka maintenance centre. Further details will be available after the contract is awarded later this year.

Information on the project is available on the project website at <http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Projects/Name/N/New-Generation-Rollingstock.aspx>.