Question on Notice

No. 316

Asked on Tuesday 26 March 2019

MR D BATT ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's announcement of a \$21.8m Bundaberg rail resignalling project and the media release published on 7 March 2019 about local jobs—

Will the Minister (a) provide a breakdown of the 150 local jobs (i.e. job descriptions) and (b) advise whether the jobs are new or existing and full time or part time?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Bundaberg for the question.

Work has now commenced on the \$21.8 million Bundaberg rail resignalling project. I am advised that the resignalling will support over 190 jobs including trades, hospitality and in the construction planning sector.

The project will replace the region's signalling system with a more modern and reliable system that requires less maintenance, and could reduce road traffic impacts in the event of a fault.

Bourbong Street is the second of four Bundaberg crossings to commence upgrade works, which will improve pedestrian safety, reduce ongoing maintenance and reduce the risk of road traffic delays.

Works have already commenced at the Perry Street crossing, which is expected to be commissioned later this year. Works are due to commence on the upgrade of the Walker Street pedestrian crossing in April, and on the final crossing at Hanbury Street in August 2019.

This project will support a mix of full-time and part-time jobs in areas such as design, testing, safety and assurance, traffic control, crane operators, construction and low voltage works.

Below is a full list of jobs supported by the Bundaberg rail resignalling project.

Position description	Number of jobs	Full-time/part-time status
External design, testing, safety, assurance	30	15 full-time, 15 part-time
Traffic control	20	part-time
Site office setup and maintenance	15	part-time
Low Voltage Works (including pit & pipe and Ergon supply connection)	10	part-time
Gantry cages design and installation	10	part-time
General labour	10	part-time
Directional Drilling	10	part-time
Bundaberg Council permits, drainage and footpath works	10	part-time
Local dining and services	10	part-time
Accommodation providers	8	part-time
Asphalt at pedestrian crossing works	6	part-time
Crane operators/dogman	6	part-time
Fencing fabrication and install	6	part-time
General equipment hire	6	part-time
Construction materials and delivery	6	part-time
Independent safety assessor and auditor	5	part-time
Protection officers	5	1 full-time, 4 part-time
Cable locators	5	part-time
Department of Transport and Main Roads Permits and Approvals	5	part-time
Independent project audit	4	part-time
Vacuum track	4	part-time
Concrete cutter	2	part-time
Total:	193	16 full-time, 177 part-time

It is not possible to identify whether these roles are new or existing as the positions are external to Queensland Rail.