

Question on Notice

No. 1109

Asked on 25 October 2022

MR J KRAUSE ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) when European Train Control System equipment is planned to be installed on Queensland Rail's existing fleet of Interurban Multiple Unit (IMU) and Suburban Multiple Unit (SMU) train and (b) whether the cost is included within the project's \$764m budget?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Scenic Rim for the question.

The installation and delivery of the European Train Control System (ETCS) equipment on Queensland Rail's existing fleet of Interurban Multiple Unit (IMU) and Suburban Multiple Unit (SMU) trains has been planned in two stages: stage one – prototype design and fitment, and stage two – revenue design and fitment.

Stage one commenced in April 2021 with the fitment of the prototype to prove ETCS functionality could be successfully implemented on an SMU.

Stage two revenue design and fitment has commenced and continues with finalisation of the ETCS Level Two equipment design and installation using the improvements and learnings identified from stage one.

ETCS equipment will be installed on the existing fleet of IMU and SMU trains concurrently with development and after the commissioning of Cross River Rail. Planning and investment in the progressive rollout of ETCS across the South East Queensland rail network will occur in the five years following Cross River Rail opening.

The ETCS project budget of \$764 million includes the installation and delivery of ETCS equipment for both the IMU and SMU trains.