

Question on Notice

No. 272

Asked on 29 March 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the forecast number of people who will be working at the new train manufacturing facility at Torbanlea and (b) if traffic studies have been undertaken to determine the impact on the nearby road network?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Theodore for the question.

As part of the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP), the Palaszczuk Government has committed \$7.1 billion to manufacture 65 new six-car passenger trains. The new fleet will be manufactured to meet future rail demand and will play an important role in delivering the transportation task for the 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games. In Maryborough, for the period 2023 to 2031, QTMP will support approximately 800 construction and manufacturing jobs.

Traffic studies have been undertaken as part of the Ministerial Infrastructure Designation process. With a significant workforce required for construction and operations, alternate access points and light road access have been considered to ensure minimal impact on the current road network and safe entrance and exit from the facility. Early works are underway at the site, with roadworks expected to commence from June 2022.

Improvements to light vehicle facility access, a dedicated heavy vehicle delivery and collections entrance from the Bruce Highway, and a turnaround point for safe heavy vehicle exit from the facility will be included in the road work scope. A turnaround facility on the Bruce Highway for public road users travelling north to Torbanlea will also be provisioned to ensure road safety and efficient travel, improving the current road network.