

Question on Notice

No. 683

Asked on 23 June 2022

DR C ROWAN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the establishment and annual operation costs of the Cross River Rail Experience Centre since the start of the Cross River Rail project?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Moggill for the question.

Cross River Rail is a transformational public transport project and the Cross River Rail Experience Centre (Experience Centre) plays a critical role in ensuring that the community can learn more about what Cross River Rail is, why it is being built, and how construction is progressing.

Much more than just a public information resource, the Experience Centre is also operated in partnership with the Queensland Museum, provides a hub for Cross River Rail's far-reaching schools education program, and has become a valued workspace for a wide variety of industry groups and local community organisations.

Over the period September 2019 to June 2022, the Experience Centre has hosted 61 school groups, 120 community groups and 295 industry groups. This demonstrates a high demand for the information provided by the Experience Centre about the project, including contemporaneous building practices and the careers available for young people interested in pursuing excellence in STEM subjects.

The cost to establish the Experience Centre—including construction, fit-out and all content and materials—has been \$1,237,577. The annual operating costs are in the order of \$150,000 per year. Since opening in September 2019, the Experience Centre has received over 24,000 visitors.