

Question on Notice

No. 954

Asked on 1 September 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the new train manufacturing workshop near Maryborough—

Will the Minister advise (a) the date the tender for the construction of the workshop was awarded, (b) the name of the successful tenderer, (c) the anticipated construction start date and (d) the planned construction completion date?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Glass House for the question.

Following on from lessons learned from the New Generation Rollingstock procurement, the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP) will establish a purpose-built rail manufacturing workshop at Torbanlea to build trains that are compliant with disability standards and made in Queensland, by Queenslanders, for Queenslanders.

The tender for construction of the workshop is associated with the over-arching QTMP procurement which is currently underway. The successful tenderer will be known once the procurement is finalised. This is expected to be later in this calendar year. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2023. The planned construction completion date will be dependent on the timeframes articulated by the preferred supplier.

To facilitate the delivery of a workshop that will see new trains being delivered, the Department of Transport and Main Roads has commenced initial site investigations and some early work activities earlier this year. This has included geotechnical and ecological investigations, and other enabling works such as the construction of an access from the Bruce Highway to the site. Further early works, including local road upgrades, started in mid-September 2022.