Question on Notice No. 1207 Asked on Wednesday, 11 October 2023

MR B HEAD ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND HYDROGEN AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND PROCUREMENT (HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the Energy and Jobs Plan and more specifically, the Queensland Energy Workers' Charter—

Will the Minister (a) confirm there will be an equal number of jobs for each individual community under this plan and (b) that each job guaranteed is of a similar pay and skill level than the existing jobs in the current energy industry in these communities?

ANSWER

- A) Independent modelling for the Queensland Energy and Jobs Plan indicates that the Plan will deliver more jobs in the energy sector and across the Queensland economy, including:
 - 95% of the infrastructure investment of the plan will be in regional areas.
 - 100,000 jobs in clean energy infrastructure and green growth.

It is expected that Clean Energy Hubs and Renewable Energy Zones, along with associated supply chain development and new industries will mean that economic activity and therefore jobs will also be focussed in regions near those Hubs and Zones.

B) It is the intention of Government that all affected energy workers will enjoy a continuation of good, secure jobs in the sector, including in regional Queensland. The Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 seeks to enshrine the Job Security Guarantee in law.

On 24 October 2023, the Energy (Renewable Transformation and Jobs) Bill 2023 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly and is currently before the Transport and Resources Committee.