

Question on Notice

No. 1318

Asked on 25 October 2023

MR S MINNIKIN ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's media release dated 30 June 2023 which states that 'Downer signs \$4.6bn contract to deliver Palaszczuk Government's landmark Queensland Train Manufacturing Program' and reports in the Korea Economic Daily that same day that 'Hyundai Rotam will share the majority stake in the venture with Downer, holding 85.6 percent and 14.4 percent respectively'—

Will the Minister advise (a) if the contract has been signed with Downer, or if it has been signed with a joint venture with one partner being Downer, (b) if a joint venture, the ownership of each partner (in percentage) and (c) if the contract has been signed with a joint venture, of which Downer holds only a minor stake, the reason why the majority partner in the joint venture was not disclosed in the Minister's media release?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Chatsworth for the question.

In June 2023, the State of Queensland executed a \$4.6 billion Design Build Maintain (DBM) contract with Downer to deliver the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program. The DBM contract is between the Queensland Government and Downer. Downer has partnered with sub-contractors who are specialists in their field for various parts of the DBM contract. The DBM contract was signed between the State of Queensland and Downer only. Details of Downer and its joint venture partner and sub-contractors are a matter for Downer and its joint venture partners and sub-contractors.

The Queensland Train Manufacturing Program is bringing train manufacturing back to Queensland, supporting 800 construction and manufacturing jobs in the Fraser Coast region alone.

The first trains are expected to be in operation in 2026 with the full complement of 65 trains expected to be in service for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.