Question on Notice

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MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the future SEQ TransLink bus fleet—

Will the Minister provide the forecast total fleet size and the number of buses in the fleet that will be zero-emission for each year between 2025 and 2050?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

Following the 20 February 2024 announcement that more than 400 zero emission buses will be built in Queensland, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has commenced preparation work for the Zero Emission Bus Program to ensure a smooth transition from the current diesel bus fleet to a zero-emission bus fleet. This ongoing work will inform the final number of zero emission buses that will be procured.

TMR also continuously evaluates factors that influence overall fleet size, such as population growth and the potential impact of major events such as the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Such factors are dynamic and require the continuous assessment and adjustment of future fleet requirements, so that evolving community demands are met while advancing towards our sustainability goals. The future fleet size forecast is pending these considerations.