

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 189**

**Asked on 6 March 2024**

**MR J KRAUSE** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the government's announcement of 20 February 2024 for the delivery of 400 new buses—

Will the Minister advise (a) when the first bus is expected to enter service, (b) when the full complement of 400 buses will be delivered and (c) how many of the 400 buses will be for replacement of existing buses in the fleet and how many are for fleet expansion?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Scenic Rim for the question.

The Miles Government is committed to net zero emissions by 2050. To contribute to this goal, from 2025, all new urban buses will be zero emission. This means that over the next few decades, the Department of Transport and Main Roads will replace the existing 2500 diesel and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fleet with zero emission buses.

- (a) A total of 79 battery electric buses are already operating on the Translink network. The first vehicle under the most recent announcement is expected to be delivered in 2025, and will enter service following a period of testing, with more defined timing dependent on the outcomes of the bus supply procurement later this year.
- (b) The full complement of buses (first tranche) is expected to be delivered over the duration of the bus supply contract, in line with an optimal bus replacement profile. The contract term for the bus supply may vary depending on the capacity of the bus manufacturing industry to ramp up to supply buses assembled in Queensland to support Queensland manufacturing jobs.
- (c) The commitment for the first tranche of buses is at least 400 buses, mostly to replace existing diesel and CNG buses with some allowance for growth.