

Question on Notice

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Asked on 3 March 2026

MR B MELLISH ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON B MICKELBERG)—

QUESTION:

With reference to comments from the Department of Transport and Main Roads at the 2025 estimates hearing in relation to bus emissions that ‘We do have an expression of interest, and the member was correct that that is in market and that we are currently assessing the responses to that process’—

Will the Minister (a) provide an update on the expressions of interest process and (b) outline when it will be finalised?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

As I outlined at the 2025 estimates hearing, the Crisafulli Government inherited a situation where industry advice was that the previous government’s electric bus mandate from 2025 was overly ambitious. In addition, the required planning for the electrification of depots was not done under the previous Labor Government.

The Crisafulli Government has been working with industry on an appropriate way forward and has indicated that our approach will be technology agnostic. Planning is also underway to ensure required depot infrastructure is also taken into consideration. This work will guide the way forward when it comes to the current expression of interest process.