

TRANSPORT — BUS MANUFACTURING

772. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the Premier’s media release “Bus fleet goes electric with \$125 million State investment” of April 23, 2023 and the statement that: “Importantly, we will build these busses right here in Western Australia – creating local manufacturing jobs and supporting local businesses.”, and I ask:

- (a) What percentage of the entire build for each bus will be completed in Western Australia;
- (b) Is there a minimum percentage of manufacture that must be completed in Western Australia for the McGowan Government to claim manufacturing in Western Australia; and
- (c) If yes to (b) what is that percentage?

Ms R. Saffioti replied:

- (a)–(c) At least 50 per cent of the build for each bus will be completed in Western Australia.

Our Government is very proud to be manufacturing buses and railcars right here in Western Australia, unlike the Liberals and Nationals, who labelled railcar manufacturing an industry ‘from a bygone era’.