

RAILWAYS, REBUILDS OF L CLASS LOCOMOTIVES

710. Hon Bob Thomas to the Minister for Transport:

In regard to rebuilds of L Class standard gauge locomotives by Clyde Engineering in Western Australia -

- (1) What is the present total (revised) of L Class units to be rebuilt?
- (2) What unit numbers are involved in the rebuilds?
- (3) What will be the duties of the rebuilt units?
- (4) What is the anticipated date of the rebuilds being in service?
- (5) Will the standard gauge units be rebuilt before the four narrow gauge units that are scheduled for rebuilds?

Hon M.J. CRIDDLE replied:

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Westrail does not intend to rebuild any L class locomotives. However, locomotives L260 and L262 are currently being overhauled and are due for completion in October 2000 and November 2000 respectively. It is planned to overhaul locomotives L255, L256, L264, L266, L267, L272 and L275 between August 2001 and September 2003.

- (3) Overhauled locomotives L260 and L262 will be used to haul iron ore traffic. Overhauled locomotives L255, L256, L264, L266, L267, L272 and L275 will be used for general freight tasks.
- (4) There are currently seven narrow gauge locomotives undergoing an overhaul program which is due for completion in May 2001. This program will be completed prior to completion of the overhaul program for L class locomotives.