

Questions taken on notice and further information agreed to be supplied at the hearings.

Portfolio:	Public Transport
Witness:	The Hon Ben Carroll MP
Committee Member:	Ms Bridget Vallence MP
Page/s of transcript:	15 - 16

Question:

Budget paper 3, page 127, also in relation to the bus service improvements— Minister, you were talking about it just before around bus services. You recently announced a Geelong-based trial of a new technology to give real-time information involving a Consat Telematics product. How many buses are included in this trial, and what is the cost per bus for this trial?

And how many Victorian jobs will be created to roll out this new Telematics technology?

Answer:

The trial to give passengers real-time information about how busy public transport services includes 70 buses across the Melbourne metropolitan fleet fitted with Consat passenger counters.

Consat's participation in the trial followed a Department of Transport innovation challenge and pilot process, with 39 local and global potential suppliers providing formal responses that were assessed against procurement criteria. Consat was successful in progressing to pilot and trial phases in a process consistent with the Victorian Government procurement framework and meeting procurement, legal and privacy obligations. Any further installation of passenger counters on the bus fleet would be subject to additional procurement processes involving a market tender.

Consat's costs for the bus trial are expected to be around \$583,000 to the end of January 2021 for passenger counter hardware and installation, and development, support and maintenance of the passenger counting data solution. The installation of passenger counters is undertaken by local workers.