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Pre-hearing Questions on notice and Responses – Premier and Minister for Veterans

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 1
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement, can the Premier outline how the Crisafulli Government's first budget delivers an accountable and effective government by reforming the Estimates process?

ANSWER:

As committed during the election, our Government has progressed amendments to the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* for the 2025 estimates process. The reforms provide that the Speaker or Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly will preside as chairperson at the Estimates public hearings.

This decision has been taken given the pre-eminent role that the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker have in presiding over the meetings of the House and implementing the Parliament's Standing Orders.

This reform will ensure a more consistent approach to the Estimates hearings process across all parliamentary committees and help ensure government accountability and transparency.

Further, the government has allocated additional time to the Estimates process. One additional day has been added to the schedule with eight days allocated for Ministers hearings compared to seven in 2024. The total number of hours allocated for questioning has also increased by four hours to 70 hours and 15 minutes.

This reform will provide a greater opportunity for questioning of Ministers and aid the Parliament in its scrutiny of the Government's proposed expenditure.

These changes deliver on the Government's election commitment to reform the budget estimates process to deliver accountability and transparency and support better services for Queenslanders.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 2
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement, will the Premier explain the reasoning behind the Government's objectives for the community?

ANSWER:

The Government's objectives for the community reflect the Government's election commitments, policy objectives and areas of priority. They provide a clear path for how the government will deliver its vision for the Queensland community and enable transparent reporting on achievements.

The Government's objectives are:

- Safety where you live
- A better lifestyle through a stronger economy
- Health services when you need them, and
- A plan for Queensland's future.

The Government has already made significant progress on achieving these objectives, including through the 2025–26 State Budget, with:

- A \$5.2 billion plan to prevent crime, divert and rehabilitate youth offenders, and support victims of crime to navigate the justice system.
- A \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund to get more homes on the ground sooner.
- Cost of living relief through permanent 50 cent public transport, Play On vouchers, targeted electricity relief and a strengthened home ownership scheme.
- A record \$33.1 billion health budget to deliver easier access to health services where and when Queenslanders need them.
- An investment of \$116.8 billion in economic and social infrastructure over the next four years.

Queenslanders deserve safety, a strong economy, a world-class health system, and a great future. That is what the Queensland Government will deliver through its Objectives for the Community.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 3
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement, will the Premier outline how the Crisafulli Government's first budget is respecting taxpayers' money while laying the foundation for fiscal repair?

ANSWER:

Respect for Queenslanders' money is a key commitment of our Government.

The 2025–26 Queensland Budget provides the foundations for improving Queensland's budget position to restore fiscal sustainability.

Through a calm and methodical approach, the 2025–26 Budget has provided the opportunity to address legacy funding issues identified in the 2024–25 Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Review (MYFER) and begin the task of resetting expenses growth onto a more sustainable path.

Since the 2024–25 MYFER, the government has conducted a thorough review of programs and services to align funding with government priorities.

The capital program has also been assessed to meet critical investment priorities and enhance on-time and on-budget deliverability. The updated 4-year, \$116.8 billion capital program has been underpinned by an assessment of the state's current and future infrastructure requirements, which addressed identified cost overruns and ensured revised costings are reliable and robust.

Our Government is implementing key initiatives like the Queensland Productivity Commission and Queensland Government Consulting Services to boost productivity and reduce unnecessary spending.

An ongoing program of work will continue across government to identify operating efficiencies which will support agencies to keep expense growth to sustainable levels in the years ahead. Measures include capping of non-frontline senior executive roles at current levels, implementing greater oversight of agency expense management and identification of greater value for money through procurement.

Our Government has also refreshed the Charter of Fiscal Responsibility to ensure the Fiscal Principles support a strong fiscal strategy and continuous improvement. The refreshed Charter of Fiscal Responsibility has a renewed focus on addressing the state's gross debt, which best represents what the state must repay, and introduces an additional Fiscal Principle that targets productivity improvements to benefit Queensland's economy and living standards.

Reporting on Queensland's position will be clear and transparent and demonstrate continual progress towards the medium-term benchmarks.

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 4
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement and the government's objectives in the community, can the Premier detail how the Crisafulli Government's first budget is delivering a plan for Queensland's future?

ANSWER:

The 2025–26 State Budget is delivering a plan for Queensland's future with the infrastructure needed to protect our way of life and prepare for a growing state. This includes generational infrastructure to connect our regions, get busy roads flowing again, provide water and energy security, and deliver the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games with a lasting legacy.

As part of the 2025–26 Budget, the Queensland Government is investing \$41.7 billion in transport and roads infrastructure over four years. This will see delivery of key projects at Barron River Bridge, the Mooloolah River Interchange, and The Wave all the way to the Sunshine Coast Airport. It also includes securing a historic 80:20 funding deal with the Australian Government for \$9 billion of upgrades for the Bruce Highway and a \$5.75 billion joint funding deal with the Australian Government to deliver Faster Rail between Logan and the Gold Coast.

The 2025–26 Budget is also increasing water storage and capacity to protect agriculture and deliver water security, with five new weirs along the Thomson River in Longreach, delivering the Barlil and Cooranga Weirs, improving water supply reliability along the Burnett's Boyne River and Barambah Creek, as well as advancing the business case for the Water for Warrill Irrigation project. In addition, the Budget provides \$96.9 million in 2025–26 to continue planning and enabling works for rebuilding Paradise Dam to support the Wide Bay-Burnett agriculture and restore water security for the region's future.

The Queensland Government is delivering affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy with \$5 billion invested in 2025–26, which includes funding to advance CopperString, and progress small pumped hydro and gas projects.

Through the 2025–26 Budget, our Government is investing \$1.09 billion over four years to build 15 schools for our growing population including 2 new primary schools in Caloundra South and Ripley Valley, a new high school at Gracemere and 6 new special schools in Berrinba, Coomera, Springfield/Redbank, Beenleigh, Ipswich West and Moreton Bay South.

The Government's ambitious plan for Queensland's future includes a 20-year tourism plan, *Destination 2045*, which was developed as one of the first priorities of our Government. *Destination 2025* is a bold plan to take advantage of the lead-up and legacy of Brisbane 2032 with a \$1 billion investment in tourism over four years. Under the plan, Queensland will become the events capital of Australia, deliver new direct airline connections with the Connecting Queensland fund, and showcase Queensland's world-class natural environment with unique ecotourism experiences.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 5
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement and the government's objectives for the community, can the Premier expand upon how the Crisafulli Government's first budget is delivering health services when you need them?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has committed a record \$33.1 billion health Budget in 2025–26. We have already started to diagnose, treat and cure Queensland's Health system, and have:

- delivered an additional \$100 million to provide 10,000 more elective surgeries through Surgery Connect to kickstart stabilisation of the elective surgery waitlist
- delivered our commitment for Queenslanders to see what is happening in emergency departments by publishing transparent real-time hospital data through our new Open Hospitals website
- renamed 'satellite hospitals' to Satellite Health Centres, based on the advice of front-line clinicians, and have begun work to identify suitable sites for adding CT and MRI machines
- assessed current staffing levels across regional Queensland maternity services and identified chronic gaps in staffing levels
- begun working towards 34,200 extra clinicians by 2032, including 18,700 nurses and midwives, with more than 4500 additional health workers to be employed this financial year
- committed to deliver every dollar raised in the Mental Health Levy to new and expanded mental health services, including 30 perinatal mental health beds and \$50 million for two new youth Step Up, Step Down services
- released information about current capacity levels for forensic medical examinations across Queensland hospitals
- delivered \$24 million to the General Practice Trainee Incentive Scheme to provide eligible doctors starting their GP training in Queensland in 2025 with a substantial one-off payment of \$40,000
- passed legislation for a permanent exemption for wages paid or payable by a medical practice to a GP under the *Payroll Tax Act 1971* to stop the imposition of the tax on GPs
- completed an independent review of all aspects of the Capacity Expansion Program and delivered our Hospital Rescue Plan for the future, listening to clinicians, empowering local decision-making, and adhering to proper health infrastructure planning and processes
- passed legislation to require all Hospital and Health Boards to include at least one registered health practitioner working for the local Hospital and Health Service.

The 2025–26 Budget provides a \$6.5 billion operating funding uplift to Queensland Health over the next four years. We will further invest in public hospital services to deliver emergency services improve access and flow, and reduce ambulance ramping.

As part of this investment, we have committed \$1.752 billion over four years to stabilise the elective surgery list, delivering more than 30,000 elective surgeries this financial year.

We are investing a record \$18.5 billion over five years in Health infrastructure, including to deliver the Hospital Rescue Plan with more than 2600 new beds statewide, as well as new and upgraded health and ambulance facilities across Queensland.

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering easier access to health services where and when Queenslanders need them.

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 6
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement and the government's objectives for the community, will the Premier expand on how the Crisafulli Government's first budget delivers safety where Queenslanders live?

ANSWER:

In the 2025-26 Budget, the Queensland Government is delivering more police, better resourced courts, and more support for victims of crime to restore safety where Queenslanders live.

This budget provides the foundation to make our community safer, with a fully-funded \$5.2 billion plan to prevent crime, divert and rehabilitate youth offenders, and support victims of crime to navigate the justice system in Queensland.

This includes the Government delivering \$290.3 million for new and upgraded police stations, facilities and beats, \$147.9 million in operational equipment upgrades for frontline police, including state of the art Taser10s, and more than \$100 million to lock in long-term POLAIR services for Moreton Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Cairns and Townsville.

New early intervention and rehabilitation programs will be rolled out through the Government's \$560 million funding package, to prevent and break the cycle of youth crime. This includes Gold Standard Early Intervention, Crime Prevention Schools and Regional Reset Programs in addition to the new Staying on Track rehabilitation program.

\$2.387 billion over six years is also being provided to rapidly increase prison capacity in existing correctional centres in Townsville and Arthur Gorrie to protect communities.

A \$458.5 million funding envelope for enhanced victim support services, including \$50 million over five years for the establishment of a new Victims Advocate Service, will ensure victims of crime receive the support they need, and their rights are put first.

Faster access to justice will be provided through a \$31.8 million investment in the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to strengthen support for victims of crime and fast-track cases, plus \$21.1 million for Forensic Science Queensland to tackle DNA backlogs.

\$74.8 million will support upgraded court infrastructure, including enhanced security infrastructure, maintenance, land acquisition for new courthouses and the domestic and family violence courthouse improvement program.

Safety and security will be bolstered for small businesses across Queensland through the Government's \$40 million Secure Communities Partnerships Program to prevent crime.

A \$347.7 million investment also continues the implementation and enforcement of the *Making Queensland Safer Laws* across police, courts, legal services and the custodial system, and will help turn the tide on youth crime.

This significant investment in community safety will continue the positive change already being seen in Queensland communities, help turn the tide on youth offending and support the government's commitment to ensuring there are fewer victims of crime.

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 7
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement and the government's objectives for the community, can the Premier detail how the Crisafulli Government's first budget delivers a better lifestyle through a stronger economy to tackle issues such as cost of living?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government understands that cost of living pressures have increased significantly in recent years. The 2025–26 Budget is delivering the foundation for a better lifestyle through a stronger economy, increased housing supply and cost of living relief for more Queenslanders.

This Budget provides responsible cost-of-living relief that is targeted and recurrent, to help take pressure off the household budget.

To directly support Queenslanders with immediate cost of living pressures, the Budget delivers a wide range of rebates, subsidies and discounts. The total value of these concessions is estimated at \$8.493 billion in 2025–26.

Our Government has made 50 cent fares permanent across the TransLink network. This Budget includes \$1.522 billion to deliver permanent 50 cent fares, fully funded across the forward years.

Our new Back to School Boost will provide annual payments to support households with the cost of school essentials. \$188.6 million over four years is included in this budget to fund \$100 for each primary school child. This Budget also includes \$250.5 million over five years from 2024–25 for the Play On! Voucher Program to reduce the cost of kids' sports.

To put downward pressure on electricity bills, the 2025–26 Budget forecasts investment of \$1.6 billion to 2028–29 under the Government's Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, upholding the maintenance and reliability of Queensland's energy generators.

This Budget also restores indexation to the Electricity Rebate Scheme for vulnerable households. This cost of living relief was frozen by the former government in 2022, but it will be indexed every year under the Crisafulli Government to provide more support for households in need.

Our Government also passed legislation to provide a permanent exemption for wages paid or payable by a medical practice to a GP under the *Payroll Tax Act 1971*. This legislation stopped the imposition of the tax on GPs and prevented the cost from being passed onto everyday Queenslanders.

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 8
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Service Delivery Statement, can the Premier explain how the Crisafulli Government's first budget is delivering a place to call home for more Queenslanders?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is investing approximately \$8.1 billion across five years to tackle the housing crisis and deliver a place to call home for more Queenslanders.

Our Government's first budget (2025–26) funds several initiatives to increase housing supply in Queensland. The \$2 billion four-year Residential Activation Fund will provide additional funding for trunk and essential infrastructure to activate new residential developments, including at least \$1 billion to be invested in the regions. \$31.3 million has also been committed to develop 13 new regional plans across the state over the next four years.

\$5.6 billion over four years will increase supply of social and community housing, as part of a plan to deliver 53,500 new social and community homes by 2044.

We're also supporting more Queenslanders into home ownership, beginning with \$195 million over five years to remove transfer duty costs for eligible first-time buyers and \$60.1 million to extend the \$30,000 First Home Owner Grant for new builds to 30 June 2026. Our Government's new \$165 million Boost to Buy home ownership scheme will also help close the deposit gap.

Our Government is also investing to support the housing needs of vulnerable Queenslanders. This Budget funds a 20 per cent uplift to specialist homelessness services to ensure more vulnerable Queenslanders can access these vital services, which was unfunded by the previous government. A further \$380.1 million over five years will deliver crisis accommodation and support the delivery of frontline housing and homelessness services.

No. 09
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 2 of the Service Delivery Statement, can the Premier expand upon how the Crisafulli Government's first budget supports and honours veterans and their families across Queensland?

ANSWER:

The \$19 million over 4 years allocated to the honouring and support of Queensland veterans and their families in the 2025- 26 Budget lays the foundation for a fresh start and a better lifestyle for Queensland's 163,000 veterans.

The Budget delivers \$9 million to support veterans and their families with legal, employment, homelessness, and education initiatives, and to develop a Queensland Veterans' and Veterans Families Strategy.

Queensland is currently the only jurisdiction without a dedicated veterans' strategy. As the first strategy for our State aimed specifically at veterans and veterans' families, it will boost support and identify existing gaps and emerging needs of veterans and their families.

The Budget also delivers \$8 million for commemorative initiatives, events and memorials which will honour our veterans, across Queensland. These events include the Anzac Day March in Brisbane, the Anzac Day Dawn Service and Student Service in Anzac Square, and the Nurses Memorial Candlelight Vigil, also in Anzac Square.

A total of \$6 million (\$1.5 million per annum over 4 years), will be allocated to the establishment of a new grant funding program "Honouring Our Veterans". This grant program will expand upon the previous "Queensland Remembers" grant program and will provide grants for projects that honour and commemorate the service and sacrifice of veterans and raise awareness of veterans' contributions within Queensland. Eligible applicants will include educational institutions such as schools, TAFEs and universities, and community organisations such as sporting clubs and historical societies.

A new Premier's Veterans' Fund has been allocated \$500,000 per annum over four years. This Fund will support initiatives to benefit veterans and their families and will provide discretionary financial support for initiatives that benefit veterans and their families, but which may not otherwise meet particular eligibility or scope requirements of existing Queensland or Federal Government grant programs.

This fund will seek to ensure that meaningful projects, services, and events aimed at improving veterans' well-being receive direct assistance from the government, that are not able to obtain funding through other providers.

In addition to the \$19 million being provided to support and honour veterans and their families in Queensland our Government will also deliver the Queensland Veterans' Council a \$7.4 million funding boost for Brisbane's Anzac Square and its Memorial Galleries, bringing total new funding for the Queensland Veterans Council to \$12.6 million over five years.

Estimates Question on Notice
No. 10
Asked on 15 July 2025

QUESTION:

With reference to page 18 of the Service Delivery Statement, will the Premier outline how the Crisafulli Government is delivering for Queensland by empowering and enhancing the public service?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to building a world-class, home-grown public service which delivers the services people need when they need them.

This Budget will see the commencement of the Future Leaders Program, which will provide 100 graduates with an opportunity to join the government's whole of sector graduate program. This builds on the award-winning Future Policy graduate program and will accelerate our home-grown public service by attracting the brightest minds to work across the public sector.

Our Government's commitment to an empowered and enhanced public service will be delivered by:

- Providing contemporary development options for employees through various stages at their careers to equip them with skills to lead themselves, others and support service delivery outcomes
- Creating mobility mechanisms for public sector employees to help the sector move capability to where it is needed, and support career development and service delivery needs and support mobility between the public and private sectors
- Continuing to engage annually on the experiences of employees working in the Queensland public sector through the Working for Queensland survey, continuing our annual commitment to this which first commenced in 2013 and support chief executives to understand their workforces' experiences and perceptions, and support the Public Sector Commission to prioritise its support and initiatives.
- Supporting flexible work arrangements, so that employers and employees can balance their individual role and collective obligations across the state.
- Enabling key integrity initiatives such as the review of the Public Sector Ethics Act to support the public sector to make good, ethical and appropriate decisions everyday, and
- Supporting the public sector with a commitment to no forced redundancies to ensure they are secure and able to continue to provide frank and fearless advice to the government
- Actively modelling the commitment to transparency and accountability, through publications such as the State of the Sector Report to provide access to information about the sector and its workforces.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to respecting and empowering our public servants who do their best every day for the people of Queensland.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 11
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 1 of the SDS, can the Premier advise the total value of contracts with news publishers and media outlets, broken down by product (i.e. exclusive editorials, advertorials, branded articles, placed advertisements) and by funding source (i.e. ministerial office expenditure, departmental expenditure)?

ANSWER:

Departmental annual placement figures are proactively released online each year following the completion of an end-of-financial year audit by an independent auditor: <https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/right-to-info/published-info/our-finances.aspx>.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet's total advertising placement expenditure for 2024-25 will be published online once a final independent audit is completed.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 12
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

With respect of pages 1 to 4 of the SDS, can the Premier advise, since November 2024 the number of:

- a) contractors employed by the Department of Premier and Cabinet
- b) contractors and consultants engaged by the Department of Premier and Cabinet to deliver services on behalf of the department
- c) contracts entered into with the Big 4 consulting firms (i.e. Deloitte, EY, KPMG, and PwC)?

ANSWER:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet publishes details of awarded contracts, valued at \$10,000 and over (GST inclusive), on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal in accordance with the *Queensland Procurement Policy 2023* and the *Procurement Guidelines: Contract Disclosure*.

Details of consultancy engagements are also published on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal in accordance with the *Annual report requirements for Queensland Government agencies*.

Since 1 November 2024 the Department of the Premier and Cabinet has had zero new contracts with the aforementioned consulting firms.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 13
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 9 of the SDS and Ministerial Offices, can the Premier advise:

- a) the number of FTEs within Ministerial Offices, listed separately by Ministerial Office;
- b) the number of positions allocated to each Ministerial Office, listed separately by Ministerial Office;
- c) the staffing breakdown by salary classification (i.e.: 2 x A04; 3 x A06; 1 x SES2) for each Ministerial Office, listed separately by Ministerial Office (noting that similar information has previously been provided which does not breach privacy provisions, such as answer to Question on Notice No. 147 asked on 11 February 2010 and similar information has been provided for departmental requests: answer to Question on Notice No. 282 asked on 10 March 2005, answer to Question on Notice No. 1312 asked on 25 August 2005).

ANSWER:

Data about positions allocated to each Ministerial Office is publicly available and is published each quarter under the Right to Information Publication Scheme on the Department of Premier and Cabinet website.

The figures for the quarter ending 31 March 2025 are currently available: <https://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/right-to-info/published-info/assets/position-numbers-by-office-as-at-31-march-2025.pdf>

The total number of FTEs currently employed across all Ministerial offices does not exceed the total positions allocated, which is unchanged from the previous government.

As previously advised in QoN 4-2025 tabled on 20 May 2025, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of ministerial staff per pay classification and office due to privacy reasons.

I note the examples referred to in the question were tabled prior to Speaker Pitt's 2022 ruling about Questions on Notice responses. Further, QoN 282-2005 and QoN 1312-2005 relate to public service positions, not ministerial staff positions. QoN 147-2010 did not ask for staff to be broken down by ministerial office.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 14
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

With reference to pages 1 and 4 of the SDS and the reported government spending on polling, market research and concept testing, can the Premier outline:

- a) the total cost spent on these services since 1 November 2024;
- b) the organisations engaged;
- c) the purpose and/or subject matter of the research;
- d) the individual cost of the engagement; and
- e) summary of the research outcomes.

ANSWER:

In relation to parts a), b), and d), the Department of the Premier and Cabinet publishes details of awarded contracts, valued at \$10,000 and over (GST inclusive), on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal in accordance with the *Queensland Procurement Policy 2023* and the *Procurement Guidelines: Contract Disclosure*.

The purpose of the research was to better inform the Queensland Government's communication campaigns. The outcome of the research was that the Queensland Government was better informed.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 15
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 2 of the SDS can the Premier advise the cost of catering for Cabinet meetings and Cabinet Committee meetings since 1 November 2024, broken down by meeting and meeting type (i.e: Cabinet or Cabinet Committee)?

ANSWER:

Catering costs for Cabinet and Cabinet Committee meetings held since 1 November 2024 are as follow –

Meeting	Meeting type	Cost (\$)
Cabinet	Cabinet meeting	16799.47
Cabinet	Cabinet Committee	9049.14
Cabinet	Cabinet and Cabinet Committee	5027.55

The average cost of catering per meeting is in line with that of the previous government.

Category	FY	Cost (\$)
Department of Premier and Cabinet Hospitality & Functions	2023/24	510,226.40
Department of Premier and Cabinet Hospitality & Functions	2024/25	291,156.33

In the 2024/25 financial year, the Department of Premier and Cabinet spent \$219,070.07 less on hospitality and functions than the previous financial year.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 16
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 1 of the SDS and in respect of the Queensland Government rebranding from the proclaimed state colour of maroon to blue, can the Premier advise:

- a) when the decision was made to change the branding colour scheme to blue?
- b) who made the final decision regarding the new branding colour scheme to blue?
- c) why the rebranding to a blue colour scheme was required?
- d) how many public servants were required to support the delivery of the new branding colour scheme to blue, including but not limited to communication staff, design staff and briefing officers?
- e) the cost of the rebrand across the Queensland Government, and whether any funding has been redirected to cover the cost (broken down by department)?

ANSWER:

The proclaimed state colour of Queensland has not changed and remains maroon. As such, the premise of the question is incorrect and I am unable to answer the question.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 17
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 9 of the SDS and the position of “Deputy Director-General, Strategic Communications” can the Premier advise:

- a) why the position was changed from an Assistant Director-General to Deputy Director-General?
- b) what is the total remuneration for the new Deputy Director-General role and what is the increase from the previous Assistant Director-General role?
- c) who made the decision to upgrade the position?
- d) how many applicants applied for the role?
- e) how many applicants were interviewed?
- f) who was the Chairperson and Members of the selection committee?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) as follows:

- a) The title of Deputy Director-General appropriately reflects the cross-government responsibilities of the role and is aligned to comparative senior executive roles across the public service.
- b) Individual remuneration is subject to information privacy obligations.
- c) The role was independently assessed by Mercer and there has been no upgrade to the position.
- d) There were 60 applications received.
- e) There were five applicants interviewed for the role.
- f) The selection panel was Director-General DPC (Chair), Director-General, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation, and Associate Director-General, Governance and Engagement, DPC.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 18
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 5 of Budget Paper 1 and the commitment to “*cap the number of non-frontline senior executives at current levels until 2028*”, can the Premier advise:

- a) the date the “cap” took effect; and
- b) the number of non-frontline senior executives, by department and agency that it relates to at the time the “cap” took effect?

ANSWER:

The cap is effective from 27 May 2025 and freezes the number of positions at the SES and equivalent level each in-scope agency can utilise. The number of non-frontline senior executive roles covered under the *Public Sector Act 2022* is 842.

The following table reflects the agencies in-scope, and the total number of SES and equivalent positions available. The unallocated pool is managed by the Public Sector Commission and allows for critical and short-term allocations to be made to agencies following a business case. These roles are then returned to the unallocated pool once the critical activity has been finalised.

Agency	Total
Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business	34
Education	99
Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	45
Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety	46
Housing and Public Works	67
Justice	69
Local Government, Water and Volunteers	18
Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development	23
Premier and Cabinet	26
Primary Industries	28
Queensland Corrective Services	39
Queensland Fire Department	7
Queensland Police Service	23
Queensland Treasury	81
Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games	14
State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	54
Trade, Employment and Training	16
Transport and Main Roads	107
Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism	12
Youth Justice and Victim Support	21
Electoral Commission Queensland	4
Unallocated pool managed by the Public Sector Commissioner	9
Total roles created under <i>Public Sector Act 2022</i>	<u>842</u>

For further information, the cap also applies to 202 additional senior executive roles, appointed under other legislation.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 19
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of page 54 of Budget Paper 4, can the Premier:

- a) outline how much of the \$19 million committed over 4 years will be allocated to the Oasis Townsville Centre, listed by each financial year; and
- b) whether Oasis Townsville has received confirmation from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet outlining what their funding level and service arrangements will be? And if so, what will they be?

ANSWER:

- (a) Of the total \$19 million committed to Veterans Initiatives across the state, the Queensland Government has committed annual funding of \$300,000 (excluding GST) over the next four years (2025-26 to 2028-29 inclusive) to support the delivery of a veteran employment program by registered charity, The Oasis Townsville Limited.
- (b) On 4 July 2025, The Oasis Townsville Limited was advised of this funding allocation.

**Estimates Question on Notice
No. 20
Asked on 15 July 2025**

QUESTION:

In respect of pages 5, 9 and 10 of the SDS and the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's responsibility for Ministerial Offices, can the Premier advise:

- a) whether any budget surplus of Ministerial Offices will be carried over from the previous to new financial year and
- b) (b) if so, provide a breakdown by office of the carry over?

ANSWER:

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet has sought to carry forward surplus funds from the Ministerial Offices and the Office of the Leader of the Opposition from the 2024-25 financial year into 2025-26. These deferrals have been approved.

As at 15 July 2025 the carry over has not been allocated to individual ministerial offices in 2025-26.

**Pre-hearing Questions on notice and
Responses – Treasurer, Minister for
Energy and Minister for Home
Ownership**

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 01

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please detail for the committee how the 2025-26 budget is delivering for the electorate of Coomera and how this contrasts with previous budgets?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to delivering for the people of Coomera. This Budget supports the Coomera community with investment in capital purchases across the Gold Coast of \$2.907 billion in 2025–26.

As part of the \$18.5 billion *Hospital Rescue Plan*, the Crisafulli Government will deliver a new Coomera Hospital. The former government's failed Capacity Expansion Program had already seen this project blow out by almost \$1 billion, and delayed by 6 months, with insufficient beds to support the growing community. It also wouldn't have had key services, like pathology or outpatient support. The *Hospital Rescue Plan* will see a fit-for-service hospital built for Coomera, with 600 overnight beds, delivering for this growing part of the Gold Coast.

The Crisafulli Government will also deliver a new special school in Coomera to relieve pressure, as part of an \$815 million investment into new schools across Queensland.

The Crisafulli Government is continuing the delivery of the Coomera Connector for the people of Coomera and the Northern Gold Coast, after this project blew out and was delayed under the former government. \$610 million will be spent this year on the project, in partnership with the Australian Government.

The Crisafulli Government is also delivering:

- \$5 million towards the construction of a new Pimpama PCYC that will offer youth development programs, sport, recreation and community run activities;
- \$450,000 to fund oval seating and shade sail upgrades at Coomera Rivers State School;
- \$450,000 to build a shade structure for the multipurpose court at Ormeau State School;
- \$450,000 to deliver stage 2 of an open space nature playground at Norfolk Village State School;
- \$200,000 for a new senior school playground at Pimpama State Primary College; and
- \$2 million for a new canteen at Pimpama State School.

This is in stark contrast to the approaches of previous Budgets. Former Labor Governments failed to make the investments to support the people of Coomera and the area's growing

population. The Crisafulli Government is committed to investing into the services, jobs and support needed for the people of Coomera.

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Question No. 02

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please detail for the committee how the 2025-26 budget is delivering for the electorate of Maryborough and how this contrasts with previous budgets?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to delivering for the people of Maryborough. This Budget supports the Maryborough community with investment in capital purchases across the Wide Bay region of \$2.6 billion in 2025–26.

As part of the 2032 Delivery Plan, fully funded in this Budget, Maryborough will host archery during the 2032 Games. This will offer a unique opportunity to show off the historic buildings of the local community on the world stage.

The Crisafulli Government is also delivering new and improved infrastructure for the Maryborough community. This includes Bruce Highway Upgrades - at Walker Street, with a major intersection upgrade to improve safety, and a new Tiaro Bypass to enhance safety and flood immunity, as part of the \$9 billion 80:20 funding deal secured by the Crisafulli Government.

The Crisafulli Government is also aware of the importance of the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program to the Maryborough community. While this program was subject to chronic mismanagement under Labor, this Budget delivers \$4.8 billion to save the QTMP and protect local Maryborough jobs.

In Maryborough, the Crisafulli Government is also delivering:

- \$7.2 million for the rural fire brigade headquarters at Maryborough.
- \$7 million for the upgrade of the police facility at Maryborough.
- \$2.7 million to install new LED pedestrian lighting at Anzac Park to improve safety.
- \$7.1 million to refurbish part of the Maryborough TAFE Campus, and for operational costs associated with the establishment of the Manufacturing Centre of Excellence.
- Critical remediation work at the heritage-listed Maryborough courthouse as part of a \$76.3 million investment over 5 years on essential courthouse infrastructure.
- \$1.5 million for beach erosion mitigation and protection in Maryborough.
- \$150,000 towards renovations at the Maryborough Salvation Army.
- \$20,000 for the fit out of a delivery truck for RDT Angels.

This is in stark contrast to the approaches of previous Budgets. Former Labor Governments failed to make the investments to support the people of Maryborough and the area's growing population. The Crisafulli Government is committed to investing into the services, jobs and support needed for the people of Maryborough.

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Question No. 03

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please detail for the committee how the 2025-26 budget is delivering for the electorate of Caloundra and how this contrasts with previous budgets?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to delivering for the people of Caloundra. This Budget supports the Caloundra community with investment in capital purchases across the Sunshine Coast of \$1.546 billion in 2025–26.

As part of a \$815 million investment into new schools, the Crisafulli Government will deliver a new primary school to service the growing Caloundra South Priority Development Area. This is after the former government announced the school in 2022 but failed to fund or deliver it.

In addition, the Crisafulli Government will deliver a TAFE Centre of Excellence in Caloundra with a \$78 million investment, as part of a \$201.1 million commitment to deliver TAFE Centres of Excellence in Rockhampton, Caloundra, Moreton Bay and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands.

Alongside these investments, the Crisafulli Government has funded as part of this Budget its *Caloundra Congestion Busting Plan*. The Plan will futureproof the areas traffic network to create space for future growth with an alternative route into the Caloundra CBD, alongside enhanced public transport infrastructure and upgrades to intersections. The Caloundra Road corridor is one of Queensland's busiest outside of Brisbane, which is why the Crisafulli Government is making this important investment.

The Crisafulli Government is also delivering a range of other initiatives within the Caloundra Electorate including:

- \$10 million to continue the replacement of the permanent fire and rescue station at Beerwah;
- \$2 million funding for Roofs to Recovery, a homelessness charity for people needing transitional housing around Caloundra;
- \$520,000 over 4 years for the VIRB Education Hub in Caloundra to support students who are disengaged, or at risk of disengaging from, education;
- As part of the Crisafulli Government's \$250 million *Games On!* Grassroots Infrastructure Fund, upgrades to the Caloundra Senior Rugby League Football Club,

Pelican Waters Bowls Club, Baringa Football Club and Caloundra Rugby Union, with a \$1 million combined investment;

- \$6.8 million for the delivery of the Turbine Project, a food and beverage manufacturing and education precinct in Caloundra; and
- \$4 million for the Create Caloundra plan to deliver important upgrades to the CBD and a new creative hub.

This is in stark contrast to the approaches of previous Budgets. Former Labor Governments failed to make the investments to support the people of Caloundra and the area's growing population. The Crisafulli Government is committed to investing into the services, jobs and support needed for the people of Caloundra.

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Question No. 04

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please update the committee on actions taken by the Government in response to the explosion at Callide C Power Station in April 2025, and how those actions deviate from responses to previous similar incidents?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

This question is answered in two parts. Part 1 compares and contrasts historical incidents at Callide Power Station, while Part 2 outlines respective responses and actions taken by Government.

Part 1 – Incidents at Callide Power Station

The explosion at Unit C3 of Callide Power Station on 4 April 2025 was not the first, nor the most serious, explosion at that power station in recent years. On 25 May 2021, Unit C4 suffered a catastrophic failure, and while no workforce injuries were reported (consistent with the explosion at Unit C3 on 4 April 2025), the Unit C4 explosion impacted other generators in Queensland and Powerlink's transmission network in various parts of the state.

At its peak, the outage on 25 May 2021 impacted 470,000 customers across Queensland. This significant dislocation of the Queensland electricity grid following the C4 incident was in stark contrast with CS Energy's advice on the day of C3 incident that "there is sufficient forecast generation to meet demand in Queensland and there is no risk to system security," with no customer supply impacts.

Furthermore, the return to service of Unit C4 took 1,193 days or more than 3 years since the day of its incident, in contrast to 58 days for Unit C3 or less than 2 months.

Part 2 – Responses and actions by Government

From 1 June 2021, Dr Sean Brady undertook an independent investigation into the Unit C4 explosion, identifying significant concerns with CS Energy's asset management practices and process safety systems, organisational capability, and culture. That investigation took more than three years to be delivered to Government and cost \$10.4 million. CS Energy confirmed there was no reporting deadline, quoted cost or budget for this work. In addition, \$38 million was spent by CS Energy to keep the report secret.

In respect of the explosion at Unit C3, on 16 April 2025, the CS Energy Board released a statement advising “the recent incident has once again highlighted the deep-seated cultural problems at CS Energy that have not been addressed”. It said that “there has not been adequate reporting of serious issues to senior management, the Board and relevant Ministers” while noting “briefings and holding statements by CS Energy to the Energy Minister’s Office understated the gravity of the incident.” It confirmed “the release of public statements is always a decision for CS Energy management.”

Government’s response and actions

The explosion at Unit C3 of Callide Power Station on 4 April 2025 demonstrates the necessity and importance of the Crisafulli Government’s \$1.6 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee.

The Guarantee has been implemented to ensure state-owned power plants operate to safely deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders. It provides full transparency on maintenance requests to shareholding Ministers while driving asset performance and ensuring Government Owned Corporation (GOC) boards are held accountable to both the Government and Queenslanders.

The incident also highlights the importance of transparency and accountability from its state-owned businesses, including the need for a consistent and structured approach to communications on unit outages across all government owned and/or operated electricity generation units.

That is why the Government wrote to CS Energy, Stanwell, and CleanCo requiring that a Communications Protocol for Unplanned Outages of Electricity Generation Units be embedded in their operational procedures.

As part of this protocol, advice to Government should be full and frank and clearly communicate the significance of the incident and anticipated impacts. It should be clear, honest and use straight-forward language.

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Question No. 05

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer provide an overview for the committee of the objectives of the newly established Queensland Government Consulting Service, and how the new Government's approach to the engagement of external consultants and contractors differs to that of the previous government?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

Queensland Government Consulting Service (QGCS) was established on 1 July 2025 as a new business unit of Queensland Treasury Corporation. \$15 million over 2 years will be allocated to support initial establishment, recruitment and operating costs, until QGCS becomes self-sustaining.

QGCS will flatten the trajectory of government spending on external contractors and consultants and build capacity in our outstanding public service to deliver more and better services. It will also seek to provide independent, high quality advice and services to Government.

As reported by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) in Report No. 11 (2024–25) State entities 2024, spending on external consultants and contractors increased from approximately \$2.1 billion in 2020–21 to \$3.7 billion in 2023–24, a Compound Annual Growth Rate of over 20 per cent. On this trajectory, total spending on external consultants and contractors could have reached \$4.5 billion by 2024–25.

Together with budgeted savings from reduced QGCS start-up costs and additional savings from consultants and contractors associated with the Borumba pumped hydro energy storage project, the total forecast savings on contractors and consultants as at 31 March 2025 for 2024–25 totals \$681.5 million.

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Question No. 06

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please provide details for the committee of the capping of the number of non-frontline senior executive service roles in the public service and the savings to be achieved?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

The cap on the number of non-frontline senior executive service roles applies at levels as at May 2025. At that time, there were a total of 842 such roles created under the *Public Sector Act 2022*.

The measure will also apply to 202 equivalent non-frontline senior executives appointed under other legislation (not the *Public Sector Act 2022*).

The direct savings anticipated from this measure is \$18.4 million over the forward estimates.

The Public Sector Commissioner will be responsible for the whole-of-government management of the measure on an ongoing basis.

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Question No. 07

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please update the committee on regulatory electricity pricing determinations for the 2025-26 financial year, and what measures are included in the 2025-26 Budget to deliver both short-term, targeted cost-of-living relief for those who need it, as well long-term, structural reform to place downward pressure on electricity prices?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

Recent independent regulatory pricing determinations made by the Queensland Competition Authority and the Australian Energy Regulator have indicated increases in electricity prices. For South East Queensland, the reference bill for a typical household is increasing by 3.7%, and regulated prices in regional Queensland will increase for a typical household by 3.8%.

Queensland has the second lowest electricity prices of all mainland states in the National Electricity Market based on cents per kilowatt hour electricity rate, behind Victoria.

In recognition of the cost-of-living pressures facing households, the government is focused on providing short-term relief that is targeted, responsible and comprehensive. The Budget restores indexation to the Electricity Rebate Scheme for vulnerable households, providing an uplift in support that more than 600,000 Queensland households will receive.

The Crisafulli Government is also taking measures to place long-term downward pressure on the price of electricity. This includes the \$1.6 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee, increased in the 2025-26 Budget, to properly maintain our state owned generation assets, and put downward pressure on power bills.

The Guarantee provides full transparency on maintenance requests to shareholding Ministers while driving asset performance and ensuring Government owned corporation (GOC) boards are held accountable to both the Government and Queenslanders.

On 28 November 2024, shareholding Ministers wrote to Stanwell, CS Energy, and CleanCo implementing the Guarantee and conveying shareholder expectations for each business. Under the Guarantee, GOCs are subject to strict key performance indicators (KPIs) for maintenance investment, personal safety, process safety, and plant performance. An audited performance of KPIs will be published in annual reports to be tabled in Parliament in September 2025. Based on information provided by GOCs, interim results for 2024-25 subject to final assurance are presented in Tables 1 – 3.

The Government is clear – where GOCs do not achieve KPIs, senior executives will not receive performance payments.

Subject to final assurance of interim results, neither CleanCo nor CS Energy have achieved all KPIs to make senior executives eligible for performance payments in respect of 2024-25. Conversely, Stanwell has achieved all KPIs (subject to final assurance).

For CleanCo, its Forced Outage Factor was not achieved, with exceedance to target relating to additional rectification works required following the Swanbank E overhaul and a Barron Gorge valve replacement.

For CS Energy, five KPIs have not been achieved. Underperformance across some KPIs, including Significant Process Safety Event, were consequential to the explosion at Unit C3 of Callide Power Station on 4 April 2025. In respect of Statutory Maintenance Compliance, as part of quarterly reporting to shareholding Ministers for Q1 2025, CS Energy reported three items of statutory maintenance that were non-compliant.

CS Energy advises there were no overdue statutory maintenance items on 4 April 2025, and that overdue statutory maintenance was not a causal factor to the explosion at Unit C3 on that date. Even so, examples of non-compliance highlight the importance of accountability and transparency to GOC asset management practices.

In this way, the Guarantee is driving improvements in management reporting and oversight of statutory maintenance performance, with CS Energy reviewing and upgrading its reporting systems and processes to support implementation of the Guarantee.

The Queensland Government is also developing a 5-year Energy Roadmap to deliver affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders.

The Roadmap — to be released in the second half of 2025 — will be a credible plan for the state's energy system focused on the investment and market outlook to 2030, providing certainty for investors, communities and consumers.

That means, maintaining our existing generation assets for longer and encouraging new investment in generation, storage and firming.

At the same time, the Government is undertaking a review of energy Government owned corporations to ensure they are best placed to support the Energy Roadmap and leverage the value of energy assets owned by Queenslanders to put downward pressure on power prices.

Table 1: CleanCo KPI interim results, Financial Year 2024-25, subject to audit

KPI	Definition	2024-25 Target	2024-25 Actual
Personal Safety			
Critical Control Verifications (CCVs) and Health Safety Environment (HSE) audits	Completion of 132 Critical Control Verifications and 8 Health and Safety Audits in FY25.	100%	100%
Significant Injury or Fatality	A fatality or a life-threatening or life altering Injury to an employee or contractor working at one of CleanCo's sites. A life-threatening injury is one which, if not immediately treated, is likely to lead to the death of the affected individual and will usually require the intervention of internal and/or external emergency response personnel to provide life-sustaining support. A life-altering injury is an injury that results in permanent or long-term impairment or loss of use of an internal organ, body function, or body part.	0	0
Process Safety			
Process safety bowties	Review and update 24 process safety bowties at Wivenhoe (17) and Swanbank (7) power stations.	100%	100%
Significant Process Safety Event	A process safety event resulting in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatality or multiple fatalities, or • Irreversible material environmental harm, or • An unplanned station outage of greater than 8 weeks. 	0	0
Process Safety Awareness Training	Completion of process safety awareness training for 90% of employees in critical roles by the end of the financial year (with remaining employees completing training as soon as practicable).	90%	97%
Maintenance			
Statutory Maintenance Completed	Completion of all statutory maintenance activities. Target achieved if activity is either completed as required, appropriately risk assessed if deferred, or appropriate management plan in place. The KPI is evaluated against the total number of statutory maintenance activities scheduled in the financial year.	100%	100%
Priority Capital Projects – Completed on Schedule	Completion of these key maintenance projects in the financial year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swanbank C5 Outage • Swanbank Protection System Upgrade • Kuranda Weir Remediation Project –Phase B • Barron Gorge Major Outage • Barron Gorge Major Valve Replacement (Butterfly Valves and Main Inlet Valve) • Barron Gorge PLC Upgrade • Kareeya Protection System Upgrade 	100%	100%
Plant Performance			
Forced Outage Factor ¹	Annual forced outage factor for the entire owned portfolio of less than 5%. An unplanned outage is one that cannot be deferred beyond the next weekend. The measure is calculated on a capacity weighting across CleanCo assets. Forced outage factor does not include extensions to planned outages. The calculation excludes events outside of management control. This can include, but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transmission connection failures. • Fuel supply interruptions • Acts of terrorism or war • Extreme acts of nature • Wildlife activity requiring unit shutdown, and • Plant issues resulting from inherent defects in OEM supplied equipment. 	<5%	6.39%
Peak Summer Availability	Equivalent availability factor is measured as the percentage of time the portfolio is online and not undergoing planned and unplanned outages and de-ratings. This is measured from 1 December to 31 March. The calculation also excludes events that are outside of management control (see above).	>90.5%	91.41%

1. Forced Outage Factor was not achieved, with exceedance to target relating to additional rectification works required following the Swanbank E overhaul and a Barron Gorge valve replacement.

Table 2: CS Energy KPI interim results, Financial Year 2024-25, subject to audit

KPI	Definition	2024-25 Target	2024-25 Actual
Personal Safety			
Critical Control Verifications (% of scheduled)	Completion of on-the-job verifications to confirm that key personal safety critical controls are in place to ensure activities can be performed safely. CCVs are completed when any identified actions from the CCV have been addressed and closed out. Progress is reported quarterly, with target completion of 1500 CCVs required by the end of the financial year.	100%	100%
Significant Injury or Fatality	An incident classed as an actual Category 4 Health and Safety incident under CS Energy's Incident Category Matrix, which is defined as a fatality or multiple fatalities or a serious injury or illness, defined by Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WHSQ), where the reasonable maximum consequence is a fatality. Performance reported each quarter, with target compliance required each quarter.	0	0
Process Safety			
Bowties	This metric measures the number of process safety bowties developed. Bowties are a risk assessment method that visually displays hazards and barriers in a single diagram, helping to identify proactive and reactive risk management and better understand risks and controls. Progress is reported quarterly, with completion of 32 bowties required by the end of the financial year.	100%	100%
Significant Process Safety Event ²	A process safety event resulting in a fatality or multiple fatalities; irreversible environmental harm; or an unplanned station outage of greater than eight weeks.	0	1
Safety Critical Equipment ²	This metrics measures the development and implementation of a Safety Critical Equipment (SCE) management framework to ensure SCE is clearly designated and managed. This includes the development of SCE performance standards to ensure any change or work on SCE is properly risk assessed and documented. Progress is reported quarterly, with completion required by the end of the financial year.	100%	75%
Maintenance			
Statutory Maintenance Compliance ²	Compliance with Statutory work obligations, by either completing (technical completion) statutory work by the required deadline, undertaking a risk assessment and confirming a unit can safely continue to operate while the statutory work is completed (where the date has been set by CS Energy Management rather than legislation), or removing the unit or equipment from service. Compliance with the target is required each quarter.	100%	99%
Capital Works Delivery ²	Completion of key work programs, as identified in CS Energy's Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP). Progress is reported quarterly, with target completion required by the end of the financial year.	100%	75%
Plant Performance			
Equivalent Forced Outage Factor ²	The percentage of a given period in which a generating unit is not available either fully or partially due to a forced outage, where a forced outage is an outage that could not have been reasonably delayed by 48 hours from identification of the problem. Performance is reported each quarter, with compliance required by the end of the financial year. It includes partial derates.	≤10%	10.1%
Summer Availability	The combined Availability Factor across all five of CS Energy's thermal units, for the period 1 January to 31 March (Q3). Availability Factor is expressed as a percentage, and is measured by the number of days that a unit is online and generating electricity in Q3, compared to total days in the quarter.	≥90%	97.5%

2. Five KPIs have not been achieved. Underperformance across some KPIs, including Significant Process Safety Event, were consequential to the explosion at Unit C3 of Callide Power Station on 4 April 2025. In respect of Statutory Maintenance Compliance, as part of quarterly reporting to shareholding Ministers for Q1 2025, CS Energy reported three items of statutory maintenance that were non-compliant.

Table 3: Stanwell KPI interim results, Financial Year 2024-25, subject to audit

KPI	Definition	2024-25 Target	2024-25 Actual
Personal Safety			
Critical Control Verifications (% of scheduled)	Consider criteria, in line with other heavy industry, that are determined to be high risk, where a failure to implement critical controls could likely lead to a serious injury or fatality (SIF). Our leaders work with various teams to carry out CCVs. This approach also helps focus our people's attention and efforts on the importance of having critical controls in place.	100%	153%
Actual Serious Injury or Fatality (SIF)	Is a measure of serious (life changing) injuries or fatalities and ensures appropriate response to prevent recurrence and improve health and safety outcomes for the future	0	0
Values Interactions	Measurement provides a tool for all employees to capture and demonstrate how we align with (or deviate from) our values (we care, we adapt, we deliver) through the use of values interactions. Using values interactions as a leading metric identifies the presence of communication, consultation and leadership commitment which are essential for a safe workplace.	100%	143%
Serious Environmental Events	Reflect the occurrence of serious environmental harm (Level 4 or 5 environmental impact level)	0	0
Health, Safety and Environment Gateway	Weighted indicator (60% weight to Critical Control Verifications and Values Indicators as leading and 40% to Significant Injury or Fatality or Values Interactions as lagging).	Achieved	Achieved
Process Safety			
Bowtie Review	A bowtie is a recognised risk analysis methodology. To further improve the visualisation, monitoring and management of critical elements associated with process safety risks, Stanwell recently embarked on a program to review and update its process safety risk bowties.	100%	100%
Critical Element Verifications	Critical Element Verifications (CEVs) are a new initiative which consolidates existing practices designed to test and verify the adequacy, understanding and implementation of process safety critical elements. The program aims to test and verify process safety critical elements aligned with the major outage program.	100%	100%
Maintenance			
Statutory Maintenance Completed	Work that must be carried out on equipment to meet local statutes and/or regulatory requirements.	100%	100%
Priority Capital Projects – Completed on schedule	Projects that are required for statutory compliance, performance, integrity or reliability purposes for our thermal and mining assets	100%	100%
Priority 1 Work Management – Resolved to target	Corrective work that must be started within 24 hours of discovering the plant or people risk.	100%	100%
Plant Performance			
Forced Outage Factor	Unplanned outages are outages that cannot be deferred beyond the end of the next weekend, excludes outages caused by matters that are outside of management control, such as original equipment design/supply defects that are not materially influenced by operational, maintenance or investment activities undertaken or omitted. Calculated as: $\frac{\text{MWh out of service due to forced outages}}{\text{Installed Plant Capacity (MW)} \times \text{Period (hrs)}} \times 100$	≤5%	1.72%
Summer Availability	Summer Availability is defined as portfolio availability in the period from 1 December to 31 March. Noting this time period of 4 months, it is set as an annual rather than quarterly KPI.	>90%	96%

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Question No. 08

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer update the committee on savings achieved through the cessation of the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro project, including on external contractors and consultants?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

Prior to the 2024 State Election, the Crisafulli Government committed to cancelling the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro Energy Storage project (Pioneer-Burdekin) within the first week following being sworn in. By cancelling this project at the proposed five-gigawatt scale, the government was able to save up to \$36.8 billion on capital costs in nominal terms over the life of the project.

I note the question also asks about savings on external contractors and consultants.

Contractors and consultants make up a significant portion of the cost of construction projects, and this would have been Queensland's largest construction project.

As reported by the Queensland Audit Office (QAO) in Report No. 11 (2024-25) State entities 2024, spending on consultants and contractors makes up over 30 per cent of the spend on construction projects in Queensland.

While project timing and a detailed composition of works packages was still to be resolved, based on the assumption noted above, Queenslanders could have saved around \$11 billion on contractors and consultants in nominal terms over the life of the Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro Project.

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Question No. 09

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please detail for the committee the legacy funding shortfalls, underfunded services and programs and cost blowouts identified since coming to government, and how the 2025-26 Budget secures the services Queenslanders rely on and the jobs of our public servants?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

As the question indicates, since coming to government, a significant number of legacy funding shortfalls, underfunded services, programs, and cost blowouts have been identified.

In the 2024-25 Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Review (MYFER), the government made allowances of \$23 billion for legacy service delivery issues.

This allowance reflected significant unfunded and underfunded essential services across the Queensland Government. This includes an unfunded \$461 million blackhole in 2024-25 for the Child Safety system, unfunded operations totalling \$638.4 million for the Mater Springfield Hospital, and failure to fund key initiatives beyond 2024-25, such as 50 cent fares and the 20% uplift for specialist homelessness services.

The Crisafulli Government has added funding across the budget to ensure that public service employment security is guaranteed, services are maintained, and election commitments are delivered. Every single department across government will receive more funding every single year than the former government had planned for in their last Budget.

In total, comparing Table 9.1 in in Budget Paper 2 in the 2024-25 Budget to the equivalent table in the 2025-26 Budget, an additional \$30.3 billion has been added in operational expenditure between Financial Years 2025-26 and 2027-28.

The below table demonstrates the change each year:

	2025-26 (\$m)	2026-27 (\$m)	2027-28 (\$m)	Total (\$m)
2024-25 Budget ¹	89,232	89,783	93,305	272,320
2025-26 Budget ²	99,918	100,751	102,033	302,702
Increase	10,686	10,968	8,728	30,382

1 – Data as presented in Table 9.1, 'Total Expenses from Transactions', 2024-25 Budget Paper 2, Page 183.

2 – Data as presented in Table 8.1, 'Total Expenses from Transactions', 2024-25 Budget Paper 2, Page 107.

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Question No. 10

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer please update the committee on the full cost of the CopperString project, and how the 2025-26 Budget delivers on the government's commitment to save this project?

ANSWER:

I thank the committee for the question.

The CopperString project is the biggest energy project in North Queensland's history and will deliver jobs and growth in the region. It will connect Queensland's North West Minerals Province to the National Electricity Market.

Following extensive work from Powerlink and Treasury, a total project cost of \$13.9 billion was confirmed.

The 2025-26 Budget brings the total government funding commitment for the project to a record \$2.4 billion – an increase of \$1.4 billion on last year's Budget – to ensure the delivery of CopperString and to support jobs and investment in north and north west Queensland.

This commitment will support an investment of \$402.8 million in 2025-26.

The Crisafulli Government has appointed Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) to take a lead role in the project, leveraging QIC's infrastructure experience to support Powerlink in transmission planning and delivery.

While QIC undertakes a detailed project assessment to ensure value for money and explores options to attract private sector investment, Powerlink continues to progress delivery.

Subject to approvals, 2025–26 will see the commencement of on-the-ground works at the \$225 million Hughenden Hub which in the future will connect renewable energy at Flinders to the National Electricity Market.

In addition, Powerlink will prepare site accommodation along the Eastern Link as well as oversee the procurement of transformers, lines and tower steel needed for the construction of CopperString.

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Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 11

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 6 of the SDS and the objective to lead the energy and climate sectors to drive affordable, reliable and sustainable outcomes for Queensland households and businesses and in this context the reliability and safety of the Callide Power Station, will the Treasurer:

- a) confirm whether he received an incoming Ministerial brief (or similar) from CS Energy or his department that contained information relating to the Callide C3 explosion and if so what date they were received;
- b) whether asset maintenance at Callide Power Station was raised with the Minister at meetings he held with CS Energy on 16 April 2025 as per his official ministerial diary;
- c) whether the Treasurer has received any internal or external investigative reports or advice from CS Energy or his department in relation to the Callide C3 explosion that occurred in April this year, and if so, from whom?
- d) whether the Treasurer has received any subsequent operational briefings regarding Callide C3 and if so, on what dates and with whom?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy for Queenslanders.

- a) Incoming Ministerial briefs are Cabinet-in-Confidence and are received when Ministers are sworn in to their portfolio.
- b) Yes.
- c) Following the Callide C3 explosion of 4 April 2025, CS Energy undertook to investigate the incident.

CS Energy advise work is continuing on the ICAM (Incident Cause Analysis Method) Investigation into the incident.

I, and my department, await the findings of that investigation from CS Energy.

- d) CS Energy provides regular advice to government on its operations.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 12

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the SDS, will the Treasurer advise in relation to Queensland Government Consultancy Services:

- a) how many FTEs are funded in the newly established Queensland Government Consulting Services across the forward estimates, broken down by year; and
- b) a breakdown of the roles and classification levels (i.e.: pay levels) budgeted for Queensland Government Consulting Services.

ANSWER:

I am advised that there is no reference to Queensland Government Consultancy Services or Queensland Government Consulting Services on Page 1 of the Queensland Treasury SDS.

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Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 13

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the SDS will the Treasurer provide an update on Queensland Treasury's implementation of the Auditor General's recommendation from Major Projects 2023 in regards to strengthening disclosures in project summaries for public-private partnerships?

ANSWER:

I am advised there is no reference to implementation of the Auditor-Generals recommendation from the Major Projects 2023 report, public private partnerships, or implementation of Auditor General recommendations more broadly, on Page 1 of the Queensland Treasury SDS.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 14

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 17 of Budget Paper 3, will the Treasurer provide the anticipated contingency reserve (reported separately for each financial year) over the forward estimates?

ANSWER:

The Anticipated Contingency Reserve, as published in Budget Paper No.3, is \$800 million in 2025-26.

Consideration for future budgets will occur during the annual budget process.

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Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 15

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 81 of Budget Paper 2, will the Treasurer provide a list of the long-term assets that form the \$5.35 billion transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund?

ANSWER:

The long term assets transferred to the Debt Retirement Fund per page 81 of Budget Paper 2 comprise a value transfer between Fixed Rate Notes with Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), supported by underlying investment assets held by QTC.

The asset movement between QTC portfolios as part of the \$5.35 billion transfer will be implemented together with the \$3 billion defined benefit surplus transfer and a series of investment portfolio rebalances.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 16

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 128 of Budget Paper 4, will the Treasurer provide the values of ex-gratia relief granted (reported separately by financial year) since 2021-22?

ANSWER:

The table below shows total ex gratia relief granted for Additional Foreign Acquirer Duty (AFAD) and Land Tax Foreign Surcharge (LTFS).

Financial year	Ex gratia relief granted (\$ million)
2021-22	58.8
2022-23	89.0
2023-24	88.9
2024-25	121.5

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Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 17

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With respect to pages 1 and 2 of the SDS and the First Home Owners Grant and stamp duty concessions, can the Treasurer:

- a) breakdown (reported separately by month and SA4) of the total number of First Home Owner Grants paid since June 2023;
- b) advise how many recipients of the First Home Owner Grant or stamp duty concessions have entered into rental arrangements involving part of their home (e.g. renting out a room); and
- c) advise of any changes to Queensland's home ownership rate?

ANSWER:

- a) This information is published on the Queensland Government Open Data Portal at <https://www.data.qld.gov.au/>
- b) Queensland Treasury does not hold this data.
- c) The most recently available data on Queensland's home ownership rate is available in Budget Paper 2 on Page 21.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 18

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise the amount held centrally for Swim Start, when the funding will be appropriated to the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games, and when the next round will open?

ANSWER:

Questions regarding the Swim Start program should be directed to the Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 19

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 2 of the SDS, the 2025–26 Budget allocates \$26.3 million over three years for the Supercharged Solar for Renters Program, which provides rebates of up to \$3,500 to landlords to install rooftop solar on rental properties. The stated intent is to reduce electricity bills for tenants, projecting that 6,500 renting households could save more than \$700 per year. Will the Treasurer advise:

- a) How the estimate of 6,500 participating households was calculated;
- b) How the projected \$700 in annual electricity bill savings per tenant was calculated, including system assumptions, usage profiles, and whether this is an average, median, or maximum estimate; and
- c) Whether the program includes any requirements such as rent caps, tenant consent, or lease conditions to ensure that tenants directly benefit from the rebate, and if not, how the Government intends to prevent the subsidy from being captured by landlords without delivering savings to renters.

ANSWER:

- a) Treasury modelling.
- b) This amount is in line with savings indicated from previous similar programs.
- c) More details will be provided when the program officially launches in the second half of 2025.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 20

THE COMMITTEE ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 and 9 of the SDS and in respect of SPER, will the Treasurer please provide –

- a) Outstanding debtors for SPER broken up in the following buckets by dollar figures and number of unpaid debts in tabular form: 1-30 days, 31-60 days, 61-90 days, 90-365 days, 1-3 years, 3-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10 years plus as at May 31 2025 (or closest reportable dates); and
- b) Outstanding debtors for SPER broken up in the following buckets by dollar figures and number of unpaid debts in tabular form: 1-30 days, 31-60 days, 61-90 days, 90-365 days, 1-3 years, 3-5 years, 5-10 years, and 10 years plus as at September 30 2024? (or closest reportable date).

ANSWER:

Part (a)

As at 31 May 2025:

Age of debt	Number of Debts	Outstanding balance
Up to 30 days	93,950	\$54.37 M
31 to 60 days	78,896	\$39.37 M
61 to 90 days	78,428	\$38.94 M
91 days to 1 year	469,482	\$229.04 M
Between 1 and 3 years	771,251	\$345.75 M
Between 3 and 5 years	445,681	\$151.31 M
Between 5 and 10 years	672,402	\$210.90 M
More than 10 years	367,140	\$135.67 M
Total	2,977,230	\$1,205.34 M

Part (b)

As at 30 September 2024:

Age of debt	Number of Debts	Outstanding balance
Up to 30 days	84,568	\$44.52 M
31 to 60 days	85,503	\$42.03 M
61 to 90 days	69,170	\$35.90 M
91 days to 1 year	495,201	\$229.73 M
Between 1 and 3 years	757,291	\$316.69 M
Between 3 and 5 years	431,269	\$144.52 M
Between 5 and 10 years	891,752	\$259.56 M
More than 10 years	583,084	\$183.70 M
Total	3,397,838	\$1,256.65 M

**Pre-hearing Questions on notice and
Responses – Minister for Finance, Trade,
Employment and Training**

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice

Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 1

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what programs and processes are utilised by Government Owned Corporations to recruit and engage new apprentices, trainees and cadets (reported separately by Government Owned Corporation)?

ANSWER:

Apprenticeship and trainee programs offered by Queensland's Government Owned Corporations (GOCs) play a crucial role in equipping the next generation of workers with the skills and experience to build Queensland's future.

GOCs offer a range of programs and processes to recruit and engage new apprentices, trainees, and cadets. A summary is outlined below, informed by advice provided by GOCs with applicable programs in 2025.

Energy Queensland Limited

- Energex and Ergon's Apprentice Program trains apprentices in electrical disciplines and mechanical trades over a 4-year program. Intake is determined by operational needs, averaging around 120 per annum in recent years.
- Energy Queensland also offers paraprofessional traineeships combining on-the-job training with a fully-funded 4-year (part-time) Associate Degree in either electrical engineering or civil engineering. Around 20 traineeships are offered each year.

Queensland Electricity Transmission Corporation Limited (Powerlink)

- Powerlink's Apprenticeship Program offers a 4-year apprenticeship in the lines, secondary systems, or substation areas of the business, with a typical annual intake of 23 apprentices.
- Powerlink's Administrative Traineeship Program is a one-year traineeship focused on providing practical experience in administration. The program typically takes in 4 trainees annually, with 2 trainees commencing every 6 months.
- Powerlink's Laboratory Traineeship Program is a specialised 3-year traineeship in laboratory services. The program accommodates one trainee at a time.

Stanwell Corporation Limited

- Stanwell's Early Careers Program recruits approximately 12 apprentices and trainees each year at Tarong Power Station and Stanwell Power Station.
- In 2026, Stanwell will recruit 8 new apprentices and 4 new trainees for mechanical fitter and electrical instrumentation apprenticeships, and business, supply chain and laboratory techniques traineeships. Although not recruiting in 2026, Stanwell also engages boilermaker apprentices and warehouse trainees.

CS Energy Limited

- CS Energy's offers apprenticeship programs in both electrical and instrumentation and mechanical fitting fields, with a typical intake of 6 apprentices each year on 4- or 5-year programs.
- CS Energy's also offers traineeship programs in business administration and supply chains, with a typical intake of 4 trainees each year on 2-year programs.

CleanCo Queensland Limited

- CleanCo's apprenticeship program recruits approximately 2 mechanical or electrical/instrumentation trade apprentices each year on a 4- or 5-year program. The volume each year depends on the cycle of the current apprentices and how many are due to move on the following year due to completing their apprenticeships.
- CleanCo is recruiting one trainee to complete a Certificate III in Business and investigating a process to engage a trainee to complete a Certificate III in Warehousing.

Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited

- Gladstone Ports Corporation's (GPC) 2026 Apprentice Program will offer 12 apprenticeships across electrical, mechanical fitting, diesel fitting, and parks & gardens (horticulture) fields. Although not offered for 2026, GPC also trains apprentices in refrigeration.
- GPC also offers traineeships each year in computer aided drafting, resources and infrastructure work preparation, and environmental maintenance.

North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited

- North Queensland Bulk Ports (NQB) uses an Apprenticeship Partnership Model and its selected partner is Busy At Work. Busy At Work provides free services to apprentices under the Australian Government's Australian Apprenticeship Support Services including assessment services and technical support services. In 2026, NQB is recruiting for a plumber, electrician and two horticulturalists.

Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited (Ports North)

- Ports North operates a Port Cadetship Program in collaboration with Maritime Services Queensland. As part of the Backing Queensland Maritime Jobs initiative, this program recruits approximately 2 cadets every 2 years for a 2-year port cadetship program.

Port of Townsville Limited

- The Port of Townsville offers the Entry Pathways Program which recruits 2 to 3 entry pathway positions each year, this can include trainees, cadets, apprentices, or graduates. As this is a rolling program, the roles included in each intake are reviewed and aligned with workforce planning priorities on an annual basis.

Sunwater Limited

- Sunwater's apprenticeship program currently employs 7 apprentices in partnership with MRAEL, a Queensland-based not-for-profit employment group. All current Sunwater apprentices are in electrical or mechanical trades.

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Estimates Question on Notice

Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 2

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Compulsory Third Party (CTP) insurance levies and administration fee for 2025-26 —

Will the Minister advise (a) the change in each levy and the administration fee from 2024-25 and (b) the purpose of each levy and the administration fee?

ANSWER:

(a) The change in each levy and the administration fee to apply to CTP insurance premiums for Class 1 and Class 6 vehicles (representing about 85 to 90 per cent of all policies) in 2025-26 compared to 2024-25 is as follows:

- **National Injury Insurance Scheme Queensland (NIISQ) levy** – increased by \$7.60 from \$123.80 to \$131.40
- **Hospital and Emergency Services (HES) levy** – increased by \$2.55 from \$9.20 to \$11.75
- **Statutory Insurance Scheme (SIS) levy** – increased by \$2.00 from \$2.00 to \$4.00
- **Nominal Defendant (ND) levy** – decreased by \$2.00 from \$4.00 to \$2.00
- **Administration fee** – increased by \$0.05 from \$8.60 to \$8.65

This represents a modest net increase of \$10.20 in comparison to 2024-25.

99.5 per cent of this increase directly contributes funding to support the crucial work of our first responders and frontline emergency health services and the delivery of lifetime treatment, care and support for those seriously injured in motor vehicle accidents.

(b) The Crisafulli Government is committed to ensuring Queensland's CTP insurance scheme remains affordable for motorists facing cost of living pressures, and sustainable so that it continues to provide an important safety net with fair compensation and timely treatment and care for people injured in motor vehicle accidents through no fault of their own.

The CTP levies and administration fee support the operation and ongoing financial sustainability of Queensland's CTP and NIISQ schemes, including by directly contributing funding to support the crucial work of our first responders and frontline emergency health services and the delivery of lifetime treatment, care and support for those seriously injured.

Without appropriate funding via the CTP levies and administration fee, access to treatment and support for CTP claimants and NISQ participants with serious lifelong disabilities would be put at risk.

The purpose of each levy and the administration fee is as follows:

- **NISQ levy** – covers the estimated costs based on actuarial advice of the NISQ in providing lifetime treatment, care and support to people injured in motor vehicle accidents with serious eligible injuries, as well as the NISQ Agency's costs of administering these services.
- **HES levy** – covers a reasonable proportion of the estimated costs of Queensland Health, the Queensland Police Service and the Queensland Fire Department in providing public hospital and emergency services to people injured in motor vehicle accidents who are CTP claimants or potential CTP claimants.
- **SIS levy** – covers the estimated operating costs of the Motor Accident Insurance Commission in administering the *Motor Accident Insurance Act 1994*, and provides funds for research into accident prevention and injury mitigation.
- **ND levy** – covers the estimated costs of the Nominal Defendant in managing and funding claims arising from motor vehicle accidents involving uninsured (unregistered) or unidentified vehicles, and the claim costs of any licensed insurer that may become insolvent.
- **Administration fee** – covers the administration costs of the Department of Transport and Main Roads in providing CTP-related customer service and processing of CTP premiums as part of the motor vehicle registration process.

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Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 03

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Queensland Government's regulatory framework —

Will the Minister advise (a) what steps the government is taking to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens and costs on Queenslanders and businesses and (b) how the Office of Best Practice Regulation is supporting agencies to deliver policy outcomes while minimising costs?

ANSWER:

(a) Reducing red tape and unnecessary regulatory burden and costs on businesses and households is a key driver of productivity and building a stronger economy.

That is why the Crisafulli Government is committed to reviewing and streamlining regulations and processes to ensure they are necessary, effective and efficient.

Through this Budget we have committed to a range of initiatives to refocus the Queensland Small Business Commissioner on red tape reduction and dispute resolution, and to simplify small business procurement processes, standardise contracts and support smaller tenders.

The government has also unveiled a new Small and Family Business First Action Statement, underpinned by an investment of over \$130 million. The Action Statement has a clear focus on reducing costly red tape, streamlining government services and fostering innovation, making it easier for small and family businesses to do business.

This includes establishing a new dedicated \$10.3 million Small Business Concierge service to streamline support and improve the ease of accessing government services, as well as \$16.8 million for the Small Business Support Network that provides financial counselling and coaching.

In delivering our election commitment, our government released *Destination 2045: Delivering Queensland's Tourism Future* – a bold 20-year vision for the future of Queensland tourism. *Destination 2045* will back our tourism operators and empower Queensland businesses to modernise and thrive.

Our government will reduce red and green tape by reviewing our laws, regulations and permitting processes to reduce timeframes and barriers, and we will collaborate so that all levels of government work effectively to reduce confusion.

The focus of our red and green tape reduction efforts will be to:

- Reduce the number of touchpoints with government with the introduction of the Tourism Support Hub service
- Simplify and streamline government engagement for the tourism and events industry
- Reduce duplication in permit and approval processes
- Review tenure and permits to enhance protection of our natural environments, critical sectors (such as food and fibre production) and sustainable development
- Streamline business support enabling tourism development and events growth.

In November 2024, the Queensland Housing Ministerial Taskforce was convened with a focus that includes support for new housing supply. Red tape reduction achieved to date includes progressing plans to unlock church and charity-owned land for community housing.

Through the Resources Cabinet Committee, established in December 2024, the government is implementing a range of initiatives to streamline, simplify and enhance regulatory approval processes for resource projects with an aim to reduce delays, improve approval timeframes and provide certainty for industry.

In January 2025, the government also established the Local Government Red Tape Reduction Taskforce to provide advice to government about reducing red tape for Queensland councils identifying opportunities to streamline approvals and remove barriers for local government projects.

(b) The Queensland Productivity Commission's Office of Best Practice Regulation (OBPR) plays an important role supporting agencies through its administration of key elements of the government's regulatory framework.

This framework, consisting of the Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy (BRP) and the Regulator Performance Framework (RPF), aims to ensure the development, review and administration of regulation is necessary, effective and efficient, thereby achieving policy objectives while minimising costs on business and the community.

The regulatory review requirements set out in the BRP aim to improve the quality of regulation, including minimising regulatory burden, through a robust, transparent and evidence-based process.

In administering the BRP, the OBPR assists agencies to scope policy problems, estimate impacts, identify and develop alternative options to address the problem and undertake cost-benefit analysis. The OBPR makes available training and other resources to support agencies in meeting the Policy's requirements.

The RPF aims to achieve positive regulatory outcomes through effective and efficient regulatory practice. This includes improving how regulators administer regulation to produce better outcomes for the community and reduce unnecessary compliance costs.

Under this framework, Queensland Government regulators whose regulatory activities impact business, particularly small business, are required to publicly report annually on their regulatory performance.

The OBPR is the key point of contact for regulators seeking clarification of the framework's requirements.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 4

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister outline the importance of engaging with Queensland's international trade partners, and can the Minister detail any issues that need to be addressed with key trading partners?

ANSWER:

Trade and investment are foundational in strengthening Queensland's economic prosperity and resilience, with 50 per cent of Queensland's economy tied to trade, and exports representing over one-quarter of the Gross State Product (GSP).

One in five Queensland jobs are supported by exports and one in eight Australian jobs by Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), with research by the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) identifying that exporters create more jobs and pay higher wages on average than non-exporters.

Queensland is Australia's second largest goods exporter, and currently exports more goods than New South Wales and South Australia combined. In 2024, total goods and services exports reached \$128.8 billion (goods exports \$112.1 billion and services exports \$16.7 billion – the latter a record).

Additionally, trade and investment supports Queensland businesses, with 73 per cent of Queensland's 6730 goods export businesses classified as being small and family-owned. 41 per cent of these (2760) are based outside of Brisbane, which benefits the regions through export opportunities in resources, beef, sugar and cotton, along with inbound investment in tourism and mining.

The Crisafulli LNP Government recognises the importance of maintaining and strengthening our existing trade relationships with our key partners overseas, as well as exploring new opportunities for Queensland businesses to diversify should they wish to. However, this was not recognised by the former Government, and it severely impacted Queensland's reputation with key international trading partners.

For example, the former Government's coal royalties scheme resulted in companies pausing new coal investments in our State, impacting local jobs, and damaging communities and the wider economy.

Our Government has been working tirelessly to reassure our trade partners that under the Crisafulli LNP Government, Queensland is a stable investment environment, underpinned by certainty and growth. We are reiterating that under our Government, important policies that affect our key trading partners will occur only following extensive consultation, and not without warning on the front page of a news publication.

In addition to the damaged relationships inherited after a decade of decay under the former Government, the global trading system is being redrawn, with protectionism and uncertainty rising as the US causes global trade to change course. Just this month, McKinsey has noted that uncertainty across trade policy and relationships is now the biggest risk to economic growth globally.

In this uncertain and complex global trading environment, it is now more important than ever for Queensland to be actively managing our key relationships internationally, and we are committed to ensuring that Queensland remains future focused.

An increasingly hostile global environment is leading to a projected decline in global trade volumes and is also reshaping trading dynamics, which further highlights the need for strong trading partnerships and for providing reassurance to investors that Queensland is an accessible and attractive option for world-class goods, services and investment opportunities.

However, with the support of our Government, Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) is setting the national benchmark. In 2024-25 alone, TIQ facilitated \$2.55 billion in export and investment outcomes expected to create 2508 jobs for Queenslanders, despite global headwinds and tightening markets. This outstanding result confirms Queensland's reputation as a world-class destination for trade and investment, with TIQ clearly leading the nation.

The Crisafulli LNP Government recognises the importance of demonstrating our respect for and our commitment to our key trading partners, and that is why since commencing as Minister, I have led an ambitious and strategic missions program, supported by TIQ, where I have advocated for Queensland and opened doors for Queensland businesses. I have undertaken four successful international trade missions since November 2024, where I have met with key stakeholders and opened new opportunities for Queensland and our local exporters.

With the support of TIQ, our Government has been proactive in support for our exporters amidst the global trade uncertainty, forming a Tariff Response Unit (TRU). The TRU has been delivering a 100-day program of work to inform and assist clients and stakeholders, including through stakeholder roundtables and an online Tariff Hub. The online Tariff Hub provides dedicated resources and fact sheets that respond to the issues raised through the stakeholder roundtables.

A strong global trade network stimulates the creation of jobs, boosts economic growth and provides more choice for consumers. Recognising this, the Crisafulli LNP Government's first Budget delivers an additional \$5 million for TIQ for 2025-26 to help Queensland businesses expand into new international markets and strengthen existing trade relationships.

Supported by TIQ, I look forward to continuing to engage with Queensland's international trading partners to build trust, deliver a stronger economy and reiterate that Queensland is open for business.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 5

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister detail the outcomes delivered through international trade missions undertaken since December 2024, and confirm whether such outcomes have outweighed the associated costs of travel?

ANSWER:

Queensland has always been a trade-focused State, both by choice and necessity. 50 per cent of Queensland's economy is tied to trade, with exports representing over one quarter of its Gross State Product (GSP). Queensland's economic health and resilience is heavily dependent on having strong international relationships across its key trading partners and markets.

Conducting international trade missions is critical for demonstrating our respect for, and our commitment to, our key trading partners; for forging new relationships; and for signalling to global buyers and investors that we value their contribution and that Queensland is open for business.

Trade missions also help to raise global awareness of Queensland's goods, services and investment opportunities. If the world doesn't know about Queensland, they can't trade with us.

When a Minister attends a trade mission, doors are opened for Queensland, particularly across Asia, where I have seen firsthand how foreign governments respond.

The missions program being delivered by the Crisafulli LNP Government is strategic and designed to maximise the long-term benefits for Queensland.

Under our Government, trade missions are now supported through the delivery of market strategies that are developed and launched prior to the mission. The first strategy to be released was the *Queensland-China Trade and Investment Strategy 2025* and I launched the *Queensland-Japan Trade and Investment Strategy 2025-2028* prior to my most recent trade mission.

These strategies have been developed in consultation with key stakeholders that trade with and from these markets, as well as our network of overseas Commissioners and employees, to be able to provide the local context and outline the future ambitions and opportunities to position Queensland within these markets.

From December 2024 through to July 2025, I have visited Japan twice, Korea, Singapore, India, China, and Taiwan. Five of these markets are among the top 10 trading partners of Queensland.

Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) expended less on missions in 2024-25 compared to the previous financial year while delivering more, as the Crisafulli LNP Government has respect for taxpayers' money. Under our Government, missions are delivered under strict international travel rules, TIQ teams fly economy class – even when other jurisdictions do not, every trip is tightly scoped, every meeting and every event has purpose, and every dollar is focused on outcomes. By way of comparison, costs incurred for trade missions supported by TIQ across 2024-25 are less than that of the former Government in the 2023-24 financial year, with the average cost of my trade missions being close to 40 per cent less than the former Trade Minister's missions in the 2023-24 period.

Undoubtedly, value for money is being achieved through this Government's mission program. This is also the case when weighed against the value of the bilateral relationships the mission is reinforcing, with the market focus of each mission undertaken to date worth billions of dollars for Queensland's economy.

The 2024-25 international missions program has had multiple highlights, including:

Japan and Korea:

- Witnessing the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cooperation in Trade and Investment Related to Clean Energy between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and TIQ.
- Engaging with key investors Nippon Steel, JFE Steel, POSCO and ENEOS to discuss their plans and assure them that Queensland is open for business and welcomes investment.
 - This message was timely and well received, particularly for ENEOS, which is making a \$200 million investment at Bulwar Island in Brisbane, and by POSCO International Corporation, which is continuing its investment to expand natural gas production capacity in Queensland via Senex Energy.

India and Singapore:

- Southern RNA, which also participated in BioAsia 2024, progressing a major deal.
- Toowong-based TeleMedC signing a distribution partnership with Mumbai-based company AND Healthcare Solutions, paving the way for their product launch in India.
- University of Queensland signing an MoU with Telangana Life Sciences, paving the way for advancements in digital healthcare, AI applications, and clinical validations for startups.
- Visiting the Keppel Seghers Tuas Waste to Energy Facility in Singapore and learning of Keppel Infrastructure's interest in investing in waste management and infrastructure projects in Queensland.

Greater China:

- Opening TIQ's new office in Shenzhen, which will focus on commercial opportunities for Queensland businesses and education providers in both the city and the broader Greater Bay Area.
- 191 new leads generated and a pipeline for export outcomes valued at nearly \$3.99 million for the 15 companies participating at HOFEX 2025 – Asia's leading food and hospitality trade show.
- The signing of two MoUs:
 - Cangoee Power signed a MoU with ArcTech Solar valued at \$3 million, to collaborate on battery energy storage systems and grow this industry for the state, and
 - The National Institute of Education and Technology signed a MoU with Shanghai Institute of Commerce to jointly deliver a Certificate III in Individual Support (Aged Care) and establish a China-Australia Vocational Aged Care Training Centre in Shanghai.

Taiwan and Japan:

- Brisbane-based Stralis Aircraft secured a landmark agreement with Akita University and Akita Prefectural University to advance aircraft propulsion systems, workforce training, and joint research.
- Met with HD Renewables to congratulate them on their major renewable energy projects with joint venture partners Zen Energy, and to thank them for the support of the Queensland Government Noblevale battery storage project and Hookey Creek Solar Farm project, which are underway.

Domestically, I have also undertaken an investment mission to Melbourne and the Avalon Airshow, holding meetings and engagements with current and potential investors, allied organisations and across six industry sectors, including aviation, life sciences, communications, food and beverage, construction, and automotive, from six geographic areas, namely the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Italy and Canada. My investment mission to Melbourne is already delivering financial outcomes for Queensland, with more in the pipeline. Four investment opportunities have been identified following the mission, where discussions were held with multinational companies such as Toyota, Asahi, and CISCO, who are considering Queensland for growth and expansion. Further, during the Melbourne mission, I witnessed a Heads of Agreement signing between Wagners and 360-DMG for operations at the Wellcamp Defence and Aviation Precinct.

Following our meeting in Melbourne, Cisco invited me to address and attend the Cisco State Impact Plan for Queensland Launch event at Queensland Parliament on 8 July 2025. This was the launch of the first State Impact Plan in Australia and formalised Cisco's ongoing commitment to Queensland under the National Innovation Network and its partnerships with three of Queensland's leading universities – the University of Queensland, Queensland University of Technology, and University of Sunshine Coast.

Each of my missions have delivered success in terms of defending and growing Queensland's trade and investment relationships. Furthermore, media coverage of each mission has reached an audience of millions, helping to share the message that Queensland is open for business.

The Crisafulli LNP Government recognises that not every mission is going to have immediate outcomes, noting that export and investment deals can take multiple years to come to fruition. Missions undertaken have and will continue to support the strategic relationship and value that the markets present to Queensland.

Through TIQ, the Crisafulli LNP Government will continue to foster new and ongoing relationships developed during my past missions and through future missions, which will deliver benefits – financial and non-financial – for Queenslanders and our economy.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 6

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister provide an update on the current state of Queensland's international education and training sector, including the impact of any relevant Federal Government policies?

ANSWER:

The International Education and Training (IET) sector is Queensland's largest services export sector, valued at \$6.85 billion, and employing around 30,000 people across the State.

International students in Queensland make a significant financial, social and cultural contribution to the communities in which they study, live and work. They play a critical role in supporting Queensland's workforce needs, contribute to our innovation agenda, and enrich the cultural fabric of our classrooms and communities.

As at April 2025, there were 108,811 international student enrolments in Queensland, 1413 fewer than at the same time last year.

Almost half of all international enrolments in Queensland are in Higher Education and a further third in Vocational Education and Training (VET), 12 per cent are in English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS), 4 per cent in schools, and another 2 per cent in non-award courses.

Of the 300 IET providers registered in Queensland, 96 per cent are private organisations, many of which are small to medium-sized businesses.

While Queensland is the third largest destination for international students, its IET profile has some unique characteristics:

- Queensland has the largest regional footprint of any state – almost half of all Queensland providers are registered outside Brisbane, and one third of international students choose to study outside Brisbane.
- Queensland educates students from more than 160 nations and is the least dependant on the 10 largest source countries of any state.
- Queensland has the highest proportion of ELICOS enrolments of any state.

Like other jurisdictions, Queensland has been affected by a range of reforms proposed and implemented since late 2023 by the Australian Government, which attempt to improve the integrity, quality and sustainability of the IET sector, and reduce net overseas migration.

Most contentious was the proposed introduction of a cap on new international student enrolments in Higher Education and VET. While this reform did not pass through the Senate in late 2024 as anticipated, it received extensive media coverage and commentary in Australia and globally. It was subsequently replaced with Ministerial Direction 111, prioritising visa processing for providers up to 80 per cent of their proposed cap.

Since 2023, the Australian Government has increased visa fees several times. In July 2025, the international student visa fee increased to AUD\$2,000 and is currently the most expensive in the world.

These increased costs have most strongly affected students studying shorter term courses and those who are price sensitive.

Ongoing national policy uncertainty, coupled with increased visa fees and extensive media attention, has led to softening demand for IET in Queensland.

Visa lodgements to Queensland have fallen by 30 per cent, with VET and ELICOS most impacted, falling by 44 per cent and by 38 per cent, respectively.

The latest data shows VET and ELICOS enrolments have fallen by 5 per cent and 35 per cent, respectively.

Most concerning for Queensland is that these sectors comprise just over half of all international student enrolments in the State and are important pathways to higher education programs.

We are advocating for Queensland providers directly with the Australian Government as well as at national policy forums, including the Department of Education's Commonwealth States and Territories Forum, the Department of Home Affairs' Education Visa Consultative Committee, and the Ministerial Council for Trade and Investment which is chaired by the Federal Minister for Trade, supported by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Study Queensland continues to liaise extensively with Queensland IET providers, hosting sector roundtables and approximately 50 one-on-one meetings with providers to date, to keep abreast of the impact of reform on the sector and to pivot program delivery. With my support, the Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs and International Student Attraction has also hosted roundtables in Cairns, Townsville and on the Gold Coast with providers to further understand impacts of national policy change and how the Crisafulli LNP Government can assist through the work of Study Queensland.

To combat decreased demand, Study Queensland has delivered 80 global events, as well as trade missions and a targeted marketing campaign to promote that Queensland is open for learning, open for business, and to support IET providers to grow existing and develop new markets.

Amidst these issues, I recently led a trade mission with 37 delegates to Taiwan and Japan, to promote Queensland's world leading IET, research and innovation expertise to global partners, and at World Expo 2025 Osaka.

This was the largest IET and Research and Innovation delegation that Queensland has taken on an overseas trade mission, and reflects the Crisafulli LNP Government's commitment to the sectors.

Through continued advocacy and targeted measures for the IET sector, our Government remains committed to supporting this valuable export industry.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 7

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister advise when the 2021-22 funding allocation for the Back to Work program totalling \$140 million was fully exhausted?

ANSWER:

Between 2021-22 and 2024-25, the \$140M funding allocation for the Back to Work program was not fully exhausted but was instead subject to repriorisation by the previous Government.

In the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years, the former Queensland Government took a total of \$25M from the \$140M originally allocated to the Back to Work program and diverted it to other programs.

The Back to Work program had no allocation in the Budget beyond 2024-25, and was due to end until the Crisafulli Government stepped in to provide \$20M of funding in the 2025-26 financial year.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 8

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister outline the Crisafulli LNP Government's commitment to solving the current skills shortage through investment in training places and TAFE Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli LNP Government's investment of \$1.55B continues to support vocational education and training and employment across Queensland to assist in responding to skills needs, including funding training places in priority industry qualifications ranging from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma.

An additional \$40M in 2025-26 will train the tradies of the future to address workforce shortages in the State's priority industries including construction, electrical, engineering and hospitality.

\$10M over two years will extend the Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s initiatives which was ending 30 June 2025. This will provide cost of living relief to apprentices and employers by making tuition costs free for priority apprenticeships and traineeships.

Funding of \$201.1M will see development of new TAFE infrastructure to address the skills needs of growing industries and communities including:

- \$78M to build a TAFE Centre of Excellence in Caloundra focusing on construction trades;
- \$60M to build a new Moreton Bay TAFE Centre of Excellence at the Petrie Mill site including advanced manufacturing;
- \$61.1M to deliver a new TAFE Excellence Precinct for Rockhampton in partnership with Central Queensland University which will include a new trades training centre and training facilities for metal fabrication, air-conditioning, refrigeration mechanics;
- \$2M for a Marine Centre of Excellence for the Southern Moreton Bay Islands in partnership with industry and TAFE.

Investment of \$19M will deliver a new pilot program to help small and family businesses take on construction apprentices by subsidising their wages during training block periods over four years. The pilot will cover 50% of apprentice wages for their first and second year, and 25% of wages for their third and fourth year for eight weeks each year. The pilot is open to the first 2000 construction apprentices employed by small and family businesses. The pilot is designed to address construction skills shortages, provide financial support, and make it easier to secure apprentices.

\$2M will fund a 'recruitment drive' to employ the next generation of TAFE teachers with a focus on attracting key cohorts such as trade professionals, defence force veterans and stay-at-home parents in areas where teacher shortages are causing the biggest impact.

The Crisafulli Government will also continue to support existing commitments including:

- provision of free training under Fee-Free TAFE to provide cost of living support and address skills needs while meeting Australian Government targets;
- funding of \$220.719M for a State Contribution Grant to support TAFE's presence in the Queensland training market, recognising that TAFE Queensland as a public provider incurs additional costs in delivering quality training; and
- provision of \$50.19M in Community Service Obligation funding so TAFE Queensland can maintain its presence and delivery in particular locations, courses and services that would not otherwise be commercial for reasons such low demand, remoteness or particular support needs.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 9

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister outline the Crisafulli LNP Government's commitment to assisting regional communities to access training and employment opportunities?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is unwavering in its commitment to supporting regional Queensland and ensuring the long-term economic prosperity of its communities. Recognising the vital role regional areas play in driving the State's economy, this Government is focused on delivering targeted training and employment opportunities that empower individuals and strengthen local industries.

Investing in skills and training is not just an economic imperative but a cornerstone of the Government's vision for a thriving and inclusive Queensland. By ensuring regional communities have access to high-quality training programs, modern facilities, and tailored employment initiatives, the Crisafulli Government is equipping Queenslanders with the skills they need to secure meaningful jobs, contribute to their local economies, and drive productivity across the State.

This investment can be seen in recent budget announcements including:

- An additional \$40M allocated to increase training opportunities for apprentices and trainees to meet growing workforce demand in critical sectors such as housing, healthcare and construction and prepare the workforce for the opportunities of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- \$10M over two years to extend the Free Apprenticeships for Under 25s program, removing training fees for employers.
- Investment of \$201.1M to establish four new regional TAFE Centres of Excellence: in Rockhampton, Moreton Bay, Caloundra and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands over four years. To help secure a pipeline of skilled workers, these Centres will deliver cutting-edge training in priority industries.
- \$50M to support National Skills Agreement priorities including actions to grow the training workforce, support best practice at TAFE Queensland and private training providers, and close the skills gap for First Nations people. This investment will support expansion of culturally responsive training and continuity of services, particularly in remote and regional areas.

- Funding to support the extension and expansion of programs and initiatives that help Queenslanders into work, including \$93M for continuation of the Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative, which has invested heavily in regional communities, which have received over 74% of total Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding (as at 30 June 2025).
- \$20M funding for the Back to Work Program to continue to deliver support and assistances to regional Queenslanders through initiatives like Jobseeker Support and pre-employment services.
- Funding to target skills gaps in critical industry sectors and in Queensland's regions, including investing in the Regional Jobs Committee program for a further two years. These committees identify local workforce challenges of regional communities across Queensland by connecting people with government programs, including regional Queenslanders into work and planning for future employment needs. From Cairns to the Gold Coast, 12 Committees are coordinating skilling and workforce solutions to meet local needs that reflect the priorities and aspirations of the people who know their regions best. Regional Jobs Committees contracts are being extended to two years under a current Expression of Interest process.

In addition to the above, the Local Skills Solutions program enables industry to develop projects to address workforce challenges related to skills and training in regional and community locations. The Local Skills Solutions program is open to funding applications now from organisations across Queensland, including regionally-based industry and employer groups, community-based organisations, and group training organisations with a strong local presence. The Government looks forward to announcement of successful applications later this year.

We are also working with key institutions, such as Manufacturing Skills Queensland and Construction Skills Queensland which have strong presences throughout the regions, to ensure they are aligned with industry needs and support access to practical, work-ready skills.

The Crisafulli Government continues to ensure equitable access to vocational education and training across the State with additional funding to Skills Assure Suppliers, including both public and private providers, through location-based loadings. These loadings are designed to address the higher costs associated with delivering training in regional and remote areas including a 250% loading for locations like Cape York and the Torres Strait.

We are building a quality apprenticeship and traineeship system by offering localised support to apprentices and trainees through a statewide network of regional offices servicing the entire state. Our election commitment to provide an additional \$10m to fund fee free Apprenticeships for Under 25s will make a significant difference to regional apprentices.

Travel and accommodation subsidies continue to be available for apprentices and trainees who are required to travel away from their home to access off-the-job training, with the level of these subsidies being reviewed to ensure they take into consideration economic factors, such as cost of living.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 10

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Can the Minister provide an update on any steps taken to secure the future of the Queensland College of Wine Tourism?

ANSWER:

The Queensland College of Wine Tourism is a vital asset for the Southern Downs region, supporting the growth of our wine and tourism industries while delivering significant economic benefits to the local community.

The restaurant and function centre in particular, has been a much-loved part of this community since 2007, bringing tourism and hospitality services to Stanthorpe.

Following the University of Southern Queensland's decision to exit the partnership in December 2024, the Crisafulli Government stepped in to secure a pathway for the College, which was facing imminent closure, saving the jobs of local workers and ensuring the award-winning Varias restaurant remained opened to tourists and locals.

Following an Expression-of-Interest process, on 5 June 2025, I was able to announce that the Queensland Government selected a local consortium as the new operator to take the Queensland College of Wine Tourism into an exciting new era.

From Monday 4 August 2025, the Consortium (now registered as The Caves Road Precinct Ltd), led by the Stanthorpe and Granite Belt Chamber of Commerce and including representatives from Granite Belt Wine and Tourism, Granite Belt Growers Association, Queensland Country Tourism, Queensland Wine Industry Association and Southern Downs Regional Council, are delivering 'The Precinct'.

The Precinct will be a dynamic hub to support training, workforce development and employment pathways in agribusiness, hospitality, tourism, and wine and food production.

By transitioning to a model run by locals, for locals, the new Precinct will be better positioned to understand and address the unique needs of the region. This approach ensures local expertise and insights are at the heart of its operations, driving tailored programs and industry support that directly benefit the community.

Its locally driven leadership ensures that the benefits of its work remain within the community, providing opportunities for residents, unlocking regional potential, and showcasing the best of Queensland's wine and tourism industries to the world.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 11

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 14 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS and with respect to the Minister's Trade Missions, can the Minister provide the below information for the Minister and Ministerial Staff (listed separately), for the following Trade Missions, (a) to the People's Republic of China in May 2025, (b) Singapore and India in February 2025 and (c) Japan and the Republic of Korea in December 2024: a) the names of the accommodation stayed in, including room type and cost per room; b) travel allowances and incidentals claimed; c) vehicle hire, including type of vehicle and cost of vehicle; and d) any other associated costs.

ANSWER:

Trade missions are central to my Charter Letter commitments that require me to:

- undertake an ambitious mission program to re-affirm Queensland's key international relationships;
- work across Queensland to drive trade and investment opportunities; and
- reduce the obstacles faced by Queensland businesses in undertaking trade and investment.

Trade missions are a critical enabler of delivering outcomes for Queensland by protecting and strengthening long-term relationships. Ministerial trade missions are vital for showcasing Queensland's goods and services, connecting with international alumni and allies, reassuring investors, and gaining access to high-level decision-makers abroad. In this period of global trade volatility, trade missions are crucial to securing existing relationships and identifying opportunities for export substitution, diversification, and promoting Queensland's stability, driving new strategic partnerships.

Travel allowances and incidentals on all trade missions are allocated by the Ministerial Services Branch and in accordance with the ministerial travel policy.

All expenses, including transportation and accommodation, are scrutinised during planning to ensure they deliver value for money and reflect the Crisafulli LNP Government's commitment to respecting taxpayers' money. Every dollar spent is assessed against the purpose and expected outcomes of the mission.

Accommodation is determined based on clear criteria: proximity to meetings and events, security considerations, and overall mission logistics. These choices are guided by recommendations from the in-country team to ensure they are both cost-effective and fit-for-purpose. The selected properties provide the necessary facilities and services to support the work of myself and my accompanying staff.

Accommodation quotes are sourced from the government-contracted travel provider and directly with the hotel to ensure the most competitive rate is secured. Where possible, programmed meetings and events are held in the same hotel to secure lower venue hire rates and to reduce transport costs while taking into account security considerations.

Full costs of my missions are reported to Parliament following each mission in the required manner. By way of comparison, I am able to advise that costs incurred for trade missions supported by TIQ across 2024-25 are less than that of the former Government in the 2023-24 financial year, with the average cost of my trade missions being close to 40 per cent less than the former Trade Minister's missions in the 2023-24 period.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 12

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 14 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS, can the Minister outline their engagement with the Federal Minister for Trade specifically in relation to mitigating the risks posed to Queensland exporters and producers by proposed US tariffs (in table format outlining communications, either meeting, telephone call, correspondence by date)?

ANSWER:

Recent global shifts, including protectionist policies and unilateral tariffs have reshaped trade and investments dynamics. Accordingly, it is more important now than ever to have strong international relationships, and to provide Queensland's export businesses with timely and practical advice.

Affected Queensland businesses have been looking to the Crisafulli LNP Government and to Trade and Investment Queensland (TIQ) for advice and guidance on their trade with the US and on exploring other opportunities, and we are being proactive in supporting them.

TIQ formed a Tariff Response Unit which has been delivering a 100-day program of work to inform and assist clients and stakeholders, including through stakeholder roundtables and an online tariff hub. The online tariff hub provides dedicated resources and fact sheets that respond to the issues raised through the stakeholder roundtables.

During 2024-25, the Tariff Hub received nearly 5,000 views, and to-date, TIQ employees have engaged with close to 250 businesses and stakeholders at 12 roundtables held across the State. I have attended three of these roundtables to date, to hear firsthand from exporters of their concerns and challenges.

TIQ have also hosted two Strategic Insights webinars for clients and external stakeholders to date, such as the 'Go-to-Market Strategies that Scale in the US, and US Trade Tariffs and Policy Updates' and the 'India – Queensland Agriculture Opportunity: a focus on chickpeas following tariff reductions', to provide Queensland exporters with insights on how to navigate tariff changes.

On 12 and 13 August 2025, I will be attending the next Ministerial Council on Trade and Investment (MCTI) meeting, to be held in the Northern Territory. This will be the first MCTI meeting since the announcement of the US tariffs and I will be taking this opportunity to provide an update on the risks as seen by Queensland exporters and how Queensland has responded to-date in supporting exporters and attracting investors. The MCTI is Chaired by the Federal Minister for Trade.

Ahead of this meeting, and in the wake of the Federal Government lifting the ban on US beef imports, I have written to the Federal Minister for Trade to directly raise Queensland's concerns on behalf of our beef industry and exporters. In my correspondence, I noted that tariffs were having an impact on our beef sector, which we know through the support services provided through TIQ's Tariff Hub and our roundtables. I look forward to discussing this matter further with the Federal Minister for Trade and our state trade ministerial counterparts at the upcoming MCTI meeting.

Further engagement with Federal counterparts, including Austrade, on the US tariff issue and broader trade relationships is ongoing and occurs frequently.

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**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 13

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 14 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS and the government's priority of attracting foreign investment, what specific actions has the Minister taken to foster future trade and investment opportunities in Queensland's clean energy sector?

ANSWER:

Queensland is a highly sought after destination for investment by global companies looking to invest across energy, minerals, food, agriculture, health, and infrastructure. Our State is attractive to investors due to our strategic location in the Asia-Pacific, natural resource endowment, business-friendly environment, transparent government and stable economic growth.

Queensland's economic success is built on Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) which has helped establish and grow some of our biggest industries. FDI funds essential projects in agriculture and mining, builds cities and towns, employs regional workforces, and provides much needed capital, technology, and expertise to boost productivity.

Further, FDI contributes significantly to employment in Queensland and Australia, with the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade) advising that one in eight jobs are attributable to foreign investment. FDI will continue to be a significant contributor to our State's sustained prosperity.

The Crisafulli LNP Government welcomes economically viable energy projects from around the world, and I am actively advancing Queensland's strategic investment agenda by engaging with global investors across all priority sectors, including the clean energy sector.

Since becoming Minister, I have held regular meetings with investors to discuss their energy projects in Queensland, to express the Crisafulli LNP Government's support for private investment in the sector, and to provide stability and certainty.

I have also led trade and investment missions to key trade and FDI source markets: Japan, Korea, Singapore, India, China, and Taiwan, collectively accounting for \$72.1 billion of Queensland goods exports, or 68.5 per cent of the State's total goods exports. During these missions I met with companies to spread the message that we are open for business and encourage them to invest in Queensland, including in the clean energy sector.

In December 2024, I met with the Governor of Tokyo and jointly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), formally expressing the intention of both states to establish a cooperative relationship aimed at promoting the social implementation of clean energy. This agreement highlights future cooperation between the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Trade and Investment Queensland on clean energy collaboration.

Also during my first mission, I met with Japanese energy powerhouse ENEOS, and on 3 December 2024 we jointly announced the company's \$200 million dollar investment in the commercial phase MCH (methylcyclohexane) renewable Hydrogen Demonstration Plant on Bulwer Island.

On 13 July 2025, during my mission to Taiwan, I met with HD Renewables, congratulating them on their major renewable energy projects with joint venture partners Zen Energy, and thanking them for their support of the Queensland Government Noblevalle battery storage project and Hookey Creek Solar Farm project which are underway.

I also witnessed the signing of a MoU between Brisbane-based innovator Stralis Aircraft and Akita University and Akita Prefectural University to accelerate the development of hydrogen-electric aircraft technology, workforce training and joint research.

Under the Crisafulli LNP Government, Queensland is open for business across all sectors of our economy. Our Government is committed to delivering a reliable and sustainable energy sector and to facilitating private sector investment into the State.

Queensland currently has around 60 GW of renewable energy projects in various stages of development across Queensland, and the Crisafulli LNP Government is supporting these projects through its planning, facilitation, coordination and trade and investment functions.

The Crisafulli LNP Government's forthcoming Energy Roadmap – to be released in late 2025 – will help to further strengthen investor confidence in Queensland's future.

Our Government stands ready to work with investors to drive reliable, affordable and sustainable economic opportunities for the future, and we will continue to share this message with each of our valued trading partners.

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Estimates Question on Notice

Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 14

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Queensland Treasury SDS, can the Minister outline what “whole-of-government savings” the Minister has achieved, broken down by department and the forward estimates?

ANSWER:

The question is based on a mistaken premise due to an incorrect reading of the Queensland Treasury SDS.

The full reference on page 1 of the Queensland Treasury SDS clearly states:

In 2025–26, the department will: ...

- *support the Minister for Finance in progressing a whole-of-government savings work program, focused on improving discipline for expense management across the public sector*

In line with the Crisafulli Government's core principle of respecting taxpayers' money, progressing whole-of-government savings involves an ongoing program of identifying and implementing productivity improvements and efficiencies across agencies and associated entities.

Agencies and Ministers are expected to continue to systematically review their own portfolios to find efficiencies.

In my role as Finance Minister, I am tasked with identifying whole-of-government savings opportunities for Government consideration, and supporting Ministers and their portfolio agencies as they work to achieve savings within their own budgets.

An ongoing program of work will continue across government to identify operating efficiencies, which will support agencies to keep expense growth to sustainable levels in the years ahead and thereby assist the State's overall fiscal position. Such measures include capping of non-frontline senior executive roles at current levels, implementing greater oversight of agency expense management, identification of greater value for money through procurement, and the establishment of Queensland Government Consulting Services to flatten the growth trajectory of government expenditure on consultants and contractors.

This is not a set-and-forget approach, but instead a calm and methodological approach to delivering savings while ensuring frontline service delivery and employment security.

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 15

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as at 1 July 2025 or closest reportable date the number of apprentices and trainees directly employed by all Government Owned Corporations (reported separately by Government Owned Corporation)?

ANSWER:

Government Owned Corporations (GOC) are committed to supporting apprentices and trainees as part of building a skilled workforce and creating long-term employment opportunities across Queensland. The number of apprentices and trainees engaged by each Government Owned Corporation (GOC) is determined by the GOC in accordance with its operational and staffing requirements.

The following table sets out the number of apprentices and trainees employed by GOCs as at 1 July 2025, as advised by GOCs.

GOC	Count
Energy Queensland Limited	686
Queensland Electricity Transmission Corporation Limited	82
Stanwell Corporation Limited	52
CS Energy Limited	35
CleanCo Queensland Limited	6
Gladstone Ports Corporation Limited	56
North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation Limited	5
Far North Queensland Ports Corporation Limited	0
Port of Townsville Limited	2
Sunwater Limited	7
QIC Limited	0
All GOCs – Total	931

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Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 16

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 22 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS and in respect of Fee Free TAFE, can the Minister provide: a) between 2021 and 2025 (inclusive) the total number of Fee Free TAFE places and also the number of Fee Free TAFE places broken down by course; b) across the forward estimates the total number of Fee Free TAFE places being made available?

ANSWER:

a) Under the Agreement with the Australian Government, training places available under Fee-Free TAFE are as follows:

- 2021 – 0 places
- 2022 – 0 places
- 2023 – 37,000 places
- 2024 – 14,500 places
- 2025 – 14,500 places

Commencements by qualification to date under Fee-Free TAFE have been greater than allocated training places and available budget.

b) across the forward estimates the total number of Fee Free TAFE places being made available:

- 14,400 Fee-Free TAFE Tranche 2 training places; and
- 4100 Fee-Free Construction training places.

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Estimates Question on Notice

Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 17

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 1 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS and the department's deliverable to "provide expanded access to higher level skills for lifelong learning..." – will the Minister advise the committee the: a) total number of Skills Assure Supplier contracts issued as at 1 July 2025 (or closest reportable date); b) total number of Skills Assure Supplier contracts issued as at 11 July 2025 (or closest reportable date); and c) reasonings for any discrepancies, missing contracts, or failures to issue contracts to approved Skills Assure Suppliers?

ANSWER:

Developing a new Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS) framework is a key action under the Queensland Skills Strategy to target and maximise outcomes from government's significant investment in training for Queenslanders and the economy.

SAS provide quality training to students entering the workforce or upskilling to meet the requirements of current or future job roles, with graduates having the skills to address workforce shortages.

On 25 June 2024, the department issued outcome advice letters to successful registered training organisations (RTOs) advising them of the qualifications they had been approved to deliver.

Existing agreements were extended to enable students to continue training and allow new students to be enrolled while contracts were being executed.

325 Queensland vocational education and training (VET) SAS Agreements 2025 - 2028 were issued by 11 July 2025.

Issues impacting the offer of contracts included RTOs:

- removing qualifications applied for from their scope of registration;
- applying for skill sets not on their scope of registration;
- changing business structures or ownership during the process; and
- changes in financial viability.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 18

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 94 of Budget Paper 3 – Capital Statement – will the Minister provide to the committee a full breakdown of TAFE facilities scheduled for works under the line item “Modernisation and reinvigoration projects”?

ANSWER:

Budget Paper 3 – Capital Statement – includes \$8.7M for TAFE Queensland for Modernisation and Reinvigoration projects. This figure includes:

- \$3.2M equipment funding from TAFE Queensland to complement Departmental infrastructure investment projects, including:
 - Great Barrier Reef Marine College Expansion \$2.5M
 - Eagle Farm Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Hub \$0.5M
 - Toowoomba Plumbing and Gas Delivery \$0.1M
 - Alexander Hills Electrical Project \$0.1M.
- \$3.6M representing an investment in a range of updated equipment for training areas, examples include:
 - Downdraft tables and improved extraction and ventilation \$1.1M
 - Solar / renewable equipment \$0.5M
 - Printing equipment \$0.4M
 - Programmable Logic Controllers \$0.4M
 - Nursing and Aged Care clinics \$0.2M
 - Electrical lab equipment \$0.2M.
- \$1.9M representing equipment requirements relating to the two TAFE Centres of Excellence in Health Care and Support and Clean Energy Batteries – a joint initiative between the Australian Government and the Queensland Government.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

**Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 15 July 2025**

Question No. 19

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to pages 22 to 24 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS – will the Minister advise for each financial year of the forward estimates: a) the total estimated number of TAFE Teachers required to meet population growth, attendance rate and skill shortages; and b) the total estimated number of TAFE Teachers that will be employed?

ANSWER:

- a) TAFE Queensland's educators are aligned to anticipated training demand and staffing fluctuations are a normal part of the demand driven training delivery environment, which increases and decreases as demand dictates.

TAFE Queensland maintains a core base of educators appointed on a permanent basis, which is supplemented by a flexible workforce appointed on a temporary or casual basis according to student training needs.

- b) For 2025-26, TAFE Queensland has budgeted to engage an average of 2125 full time equivalent educators.

Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice Asked on 15 July 2025

Question No. 20

THE COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR FINANCE, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING (HON R BATES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to pages 22 to 24 of the Department of Trade, Employment and Training's SDS – will the Minister advise since 2016, broken down by electorate (in a table) the: a) total Back to Work Jobseeker Applications; b) Certificate 3 Guarantee Plus Funding Approvals; c) Jobseeker Program Jobseeker Applications; and d) total funding allocated to Jobseekers under the Back to Work Programs?

ANSWER:

A) With regards to the total number of Back to Work jobseeker applications received by TAFE Queensland, TAFE advised 52,844 were received; however, this data could not be broken down by State Electorate.

B) & C):

State Electorate (SED)	C3G Plus/Boost	Jobseeker Support Pool
Algester	416	50
Aspley	212	19
Bancroft	476	42
Barron River	586	403
Bonney	457	25
Broadwater	234	12
Buderim	275	4
Bulimba	172	9
Bundaberg	579	122
Bundamba	765	185
Burdekin	260	220
Burleigh	235	12
Burnett	371	257
Cairns	1145	271
Callide	183	36
Caloundra	310	4
Capalaba	265	4
Chatsworth	114	3
Clayfield	182	2

State Electorate (SED)	C3G Plus/Boost	Jobseeker Support Pool
Condamine	343	20
Cook	661	269
Coomera	611	66
Cooper	116	5
Currumbin	219	4
Everton	168	13
Ferny Grove	190	9
Gaven	325	12
Gladstone	445	94
Glass House	226	46
Greenslopes	141	6
Gregory	229	34
Gympie	453	77
Hervey Bay	698	114
Hill	387	65
Hinchinbrook	426	68
Inala	430	32
Ipswich	390	98
Ipswich West	379	37
Jordan	360	42
Kawana	311	0
Keppel	310	59
Kurwongbah	422	26
Lockyer	342	56
Logan	513	75
Lytton	241	8
Macalister	431	45
Mackay	428	65
Maiwar	147	1
Mansfield	216	9
Maroochydore	324	9
Maryborough	537	37
McConnel	217	10
Mermaid Beach	261	9
Miller	165	10
Mirani	251	20
Moggill	115	2
Morayfield	585	31
Mount Ommaney	152	1
Mudgeeraba	297	7
Mulgrave	850	213
Mundingburra	441	150
Murrumba	586	9

State Electorate (SED)	C3G Plus/Boost	Jobseeker Support Pool
Nanango	198	76
Nicklin	329	12
Ninderry	313	6
Noosa	236	3
Nudgee	261	7
Oodgeroo	174	5
Pine Rivers	292	8
Pumicestone	336	9
Redcliffe	374	29
Redlands	239	2
Rockhampton	504	45
Sandgate	278	11
Scenic Rim	261	14
South Brisbane	228	10
Southern Downs	175	16
Southport	369	3
Springwood	235	33
Stafford	222	11
Stretton	328	19
Surfers Paradise	270	8
Theodore	378	9
Thuringowa	619	74
Toohey	291	16
Toowoomba North	364	31
Toowoomba South	405	11
Townsville	681	53
Traeger	264	105
Warrego	99	14
Waterford	519	117
Whitsunday	267	34
Woodridge	724	96
Not identified	280	0
TOTALS	33089	4530

- D) Total funding specifically allocated to jobseekers under the Back to Work program is through the Jobseeker Support Pool which has a budget allocation of \$1M per annum and the Pre-employment Support Program which also had a budget allocation of \$1M per annum.

**List of substitute Members and Members
granted leave to attend public hearing –
29 July 2025**



Governance, Energy and Finance Committee Estimates 2025

Substitute Members and Members granted leave to attend public hearing Tuesday, 29 July 2025

Substitute Members for committee business (pursuant to Standing Order 202)

Name	Member substituted
Hon Steven Miles MP ¹ Leader of the Opposition Member for Murrumba	Mr Lance McCallum MP Member for Bundamba
Mr Bart Mellish MP ² Member for Aspley	Mr Lance McCallum MP Member for Bundamba
Hon Shannon Fentiman MP ³ Member for Waterford	Mr Lance McCallum MP Member for Bundamba
Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP ⁴ Member for Gaven	Mr Lance McCallum MP Member for Bundamba

Members granted leave to attend public hearing (pursuant to Standing Order 181(e))

Name	Electorate
Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition	Member for Murrumba
Hon Mick de Brenni MP. Manager of Opposition Business	Member for Springwood
Hon Grace Grace MP	Member for McConnel
Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP	Member for Gaven
Mr Michael Healy MP	Member for Cairns
Hon Cameron Dick MP	Member for Woodridge
Hon Shannon Fentiman MP	Member for Waterford
Hon Mark Ryan MP	Member for Morayfield
Mr Bart Mellish MP	Member for Aspley
Ms Jonty Bush MP	Member for Cooper
Mr Michael Berkman MP	Member for Maiwar
Dr Christian Rowan MP, Leader of the House	Member for Moggill

¹ Substitution for period from 9:00am to 12:45pm.

² Substitution for period from 12:45pm to 1:20pm.

³ Substitution for period from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.

⁴ Substitution for period from 4:30pm to 5:05pm.

List of Members granted leave to attend public hearing – 30 July 2025



Governance, Energy and Finance Committee Estimates 2025

**Members granted leave to attend public hearing
Wednesday, 30 July 2025**

Members granted leave to attend public hearing (pursuant to Standing Order 181(e))

Name	Electorate
Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition	Member for Murrumba
Hon Mick de Brenni MP. Manager of Opposition Business	Member for Springwood
Hon Grace Grace MP	Member for McConnel
Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP	Member for Gaven
Mr Michael Healy MP	Member for Cairns
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Documents tabled at hearing 29 July 2025

1. Extract from radio transcript, titled David Crisafulli, Bill McDonald on 4BC Morning, dated 2 July 2024, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
2. Document, titled Delivering for Queensland Style Guide, dated May 2025, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
3. Webpage, titled Marketing Matters, dated 20 June 2025, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
4. Brisbane Times article, titled 'A matter for them': Regulator contradicts LNP Cross River Rail delay claims, dated 11 December 2024, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
5. The Australian article, titled Queensland Premier blocks release of secret polling, dated 19 June 2025, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
6. Cove Magazine article, titled Leading Man, dated March/April 2021, tabled by Hon Steven Miles MP, Leader of the Opposition and Member for Murrumbidgee
7. The Australian article, titled Feeding the Chooks: Frontrunner emerges in race to Queensland's Government House, dated 23 May 2025, tabled by Ms Bisma Asif MP, Member for Sandgate
8. ABC article, titled Power bills to rise yet again from mid-year as federal election looms, dated 13 March 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
9. The Courier Mail article, titled New data exposes dangerous car habits putting Qld drivers at risk, dated 25 July 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
10. ABC article, titled Queensland to profit \$2b from insurance premiums tax David Crisafulli previously called 'robbing people', dated 16 July 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
11. Canberra Times article, titled LNP piggybacks federal Labor policy to chew into costs, dated 24 October 2024, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
12. The Australian article, titled Crisafulli government accused of inflating state debt projections, dated 7 February 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
13. Extract from radio transcript, titled John Kehoe – lead economist at AFR on ABC's Steve Austin, dated 30 January 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
14. The Sunday Mail article, titled Qld budget 2025: \$45bn cost blowouts dig state into looming blackhole, dated 22 June 2025, tabled by Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, Member for Waterford
15. Extract from RTI release document, screenshots of text message exchange, dated 7 and 9 April 2025, tabled by Mr Lance McCallum MP, Member for Bundamba

16. Extract of correspondence from the Department of Premier and Cabinet, undated, tabled by Mr Lance McCallum MP, Member for Bundamba
17. Extract from RTI release document, pages from Treasurer's speech to Queensland Energy Club, undated, Mr Lance McCallum MP, Member for Bundamba

Tabled by: Hon Steven Miles MP
At: 9.59am
Date: 29 July 2025
Signature: E.G.L.

David Crisafulli, Bill McDonald on 4BC Morning | July 2, 2024

BILL MCDONALD: As I said at the start of the show, Opposition leader David Crisafulli, he pleads in today's paper that there will be fewer crime victims under an LNP government, which is great to hear. And I think many victims of crime, they want to hear that. That's what they want. And once his Making Queensland Safer Laws are introduced, things would start to change. But he wasn't making grand pledges. He just said this, I'm not going to suggest overnight things will magically be better. They will improve on a daily or day to day basis, and there'll be fewer victims. In response, Premier Miles has questioned the LNP, and he's come off the long run a bit and had a go at whether you know they're going to fudge the crime figures. I guess essentially, that's what he's saying. I thought it was a pretty weak and meek response. Joining us now is the Opposition Leader, David Crisafulli, thanks for your time.

DAVID CRISAFULLI: Thank you, Bill, and good morning to you and your listeners.

BILL MCDONALD: Well, first of all, your pledge on crime, it's attracted a predictable response, I guess, from the government. What are your thoughts on the response that it's received?

DAVID CRISAFULLI: It's disappointing. It's the government that's waving the white flag and saying nothing can be done about crime, and somehow Queenslanders have to expect that every year, crime numbers and victim numbers have to continue to go up. And I don't share that view, and I look at the trend, and we are the only state that has more victims of crime today than 10 years ago. You are two times more likely to get your car pinched or your home broken into in Queensland than you are in New South Wales. And I'm not comfortable with that, and neither are Queenslanders. So for the government to say that suggesting that that should be business as normal and that no one can do anything about it, well that's completely and utterly waving the white flag, and I won't stand for that, and neither will Queenslanders.

BILL MCDONALD: I thought it was a bit disingenuous to throw in and assume that you wouldn't be counting domestic violence victims. What's the premier on about there?

DAVID CRISAFULLI: Unsure, because they're not my figures. These are not even the government's figures. They are national figures created through the Bureau of Statistics. And the reason why I like these figures is because they are consistent right across the country and the state, and my commitment to Queenslanders is I will not do what I have seen the government do over recent years, because they can't get a handle on particularly youth crime, but because they can't get a handle on crime, their response is to no longer focus on victim numbers. They now talk about unique offenders and offenses committed in certain regions, and they keep on making the different barometers. In the end, if you're a victim of crime, you're a victim of crime, that's what matters. And a good government would say, we are going to reduce the numbers of victims of crime. Now all the other factors about whether or not they're a unique offender and how old they are, that runs a distant second to somebody not having their safe space breached. That runs a distant second to not having your car pinched, or seeing someone holding a knife and slashing a person in a public area. It's the victim numbers that matter, and my commitment to you and every one of your listeners is the plans we are putting forward will reduce victim numbers, and it is victim numbers we will be held accountable to. If government changes in October, I'm not going to be coming back on your show in a year or two years' time and say, 'Oh, actually, it's not victim numbers that matter. It's the amount

of offenses that are committed on X, Y, Z,'. No, it'll be victim numbers, and we've mapped out a plan to do something about that.

BILL MCDONALD: David of Cannon Hill text in a little earlier, and I said I'd ask the question for you. Wanted to know, and I know you've outlined some theories and some ideas and some plans before, but he wanted to know a little bit more detail on how you would achieve that. If you if you could share some of that with for him.

DAVID CRISAFULLI: Well, thanks for the question, Dave. If government changes in October, the first Bill we will introduce on day one is the making Queensland safer laws. And let me just unpack a little bit that's in that. Firstly, we will remove detention as a last resort. That was something the government deliberately put back in 2015 and that's created a generation of untouchables. We're also going to change the sentencing provisions and the rights of victims will actually be embedded in the sentencing provisions as the most important order of business. The rights of the victim ahead of the right to the offender. What that also does is it means, as part of a court process, the as of right will be for a victim to be updated as to what's going on, whereas at the moment, the default position is the opposite. And when I speak to victims, one of the big concerns they have is they say it just feels like we don't count for anything, because we just kept completely in the dark. We don't know what happens. Now, all of those things are important, and I'm determined to make sure that we have a very, very strong youth justice system, and there are consequences for actions, and those hardcore people will be dealt with. I've also spoken a lot about the other end of the scale and delivering what I call gold standard early intervention, and the report last week from the Auditor General is just the most sobering reading, and shows what we are doing in Queensland at the moment is broken, and the government hasn't been prepared to properly review it, and my commitment to Queenslanders is we will do more of the stuff that's working, but we will be bringing in the best from around the nation to turn kids around early. We're going to fix resi-care, which is kids in state care. They are going to get discipline, they're going to be forced to go to school. They're going to have the opportunity to be able to have extracurricular activity and work and a pathway to foster care. Those kids also need structure and discipline and love and opportunity in their life, and the department of child safety, which in many cases, is just completely and utterly under resourced at the front line, that's going to change to make sure that kids are turned around, those kids who early on in their journey, to make sure that they don't fall into the wrong hands. So it's at both ends of the spectrum. And my commitment to your listeners is there will be fewer victims under an LNP government, and I'm determined to deliver that.

BILL MCDONALD: There's a small part of Dave's question I meant to add in there, will he mention MMS: minimum mandatory sentencing.

DAVID CRISAFULLI: Well, Dave, I've said on this program many times before, we're listening to experts across the board. I'm not convinced the laws at the moment are fit for purpose, and we are working on a range of other policies, which I'm determined to show the community we're serious about having the strongest Youth Justice laws in the country. We've consistently said everything's on the table, and there's a number of my shadow ministers who are working on it and reviewing policies from across the globe to make sure that we've got the best. I also want your listeners to know we are serious about the other end, and that is the pipeline, and we are not going to release the same people into the same environment and expect a different result, that nexus will be broken. So your listeners will know that it will be a very, very strong set of youth justice reforms, those making Queensland safer Laws won't make everybody happy, but it'll make the majority of Queenslanders who want to

see stronger laws happy. But I am determined at the other end to stop that pipeline that's coming through, because the number of repeat offenders is growing by the day, and as are victim numbers as a result.

BILL MCDONALD: Warren at Castledine has texted a question in and said, 'can you please ask David whereabouts he's going to accommodate all the teen criminals if he's going to remove detention as a last resort because I believe our prisons are full and there's nowhere to put them?

DAVID CRISAFULLI: It's a good question, Warren, but there is a simple answer, and that is, if you have the laws that send the right message, you stop the pipeline that's coming through. And at the moment, if you do an analysis of the kids that are in youth detention, the vast majority of them are actually on remand, awaiting their day in court. So what then happens is they go to court, detention is the last resort. They get spewed back out, no consequences. And then over and over, it just that cycle continues to repeat. What I want to do is make sure that we are putting in custody the worst of the worst, the hard core, those repeat offenders who are holding knives and ramming police cars. Now I don't doubt that there does need to be more correctional facilities built, and we've mapped out our strategy for that. That is an important part of the mix, but I am also determined to make sure that we stop that repeat habitual behaviour. And by embedding consequences for actions, you actually create a generation where, rather than they know they're immune, and they go and do the next crime and then escalate to the one a little bit harder the next time, and so on and so forth. You actually send a message and stop it in the bud.

BILL MCDONALD: Before I go, Lindy Atkinson has sent a text in just to mention to you. Thank you, DC, for listening. Finally, the rights of victims will be above the rights of offenders. Queenslanders will be relieved and pleased with your pledges, including rewriting the Youth Justice Act. Bravo. Lindy from the voice for victims,

DAVID CRISAFULLI: She's done a bucket load of work, as has all of the people involved in that group. We've enjoyed listening to them. And Lindy, there is more to come, I assure you.

BILL MCDONALD: Thanks very much for your time. Appreciate it. We'll chat again soon, hopefully.

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Tabled by: Hon Steven Miles MP
At: 10.15 am
Date: 29 July 2025
Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

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INTRODUCTION

The Queensland Government has implemented a new wordmark for use by departments, agencies and relevant Statutory Authorities.

The 'Delivering for Queensland' wordmark must be applied to advertising, marketing and communication assets and materials in conjunction with the [Queensland Government Corporate Identity System](#) and [Authorisation Statement Guidelines](#) for paid advertising.

This style guide provides information and examples on how to apply the wordmark to a range of materials, including:

- paid advertising: television, cinema, radio and audio, online video, print, audio, digital, out of home assets, and social media channels
- non-paid organic posts across social media channels
- signage: major project and infrastructure, site hoarding, fencing, buildings
- event signage including pull up banners
- external documents such as plans, strategies and reports
- application with the Queensland Government's Coat of Arms.

The 'Delivering for Queensland' wordmark replaces all former wordmarks issued by the Queensland Government including 'Queensland: Good jobs, Better services, Great lifestyle' and 'Unite and Recover'; and their associated Style Guides, all of which must no longer be used.

However, Queensland Government departments must consider the application and transition arrangements to the new wordmark, which must be done with a cost-conscious approach.

The application of the wordmark across internal documents is at the discretion of each department. Updates will be made to whole-of-government templates currently located on [Marketing Matters](#).

Questions about the application of the wordmark should be directed to your department's corporate identity coordinator in the first instance.

Otherwise, please email Advertising and Strategy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet via Corporate.id@premiers.qld.gov.au.

WORDMARK

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Reversed wordmark

The preferred placement of the wordmark is the top right side. The wordmark should always appear in the correct colour unless the reverse logo is being used.

Note: the Delivering for Queensland wordmark may also be used as a lock-up with the Coat of Arms (page 6); however, it should not appear without the Coat of Arms.

The preferred placement of the Coat of Arms is the bottom right. Refer to the as per the Queensland Government Corporate Identity guidelines.

WORDMARK



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Minimum spacing

The wordmark must appear on a plain background (refer to artwork examples in this guide), using the 'D' for the minimum spacing guideline as shown.



Similarly, the Coat of Arms must appear with the minimum spacing as per the Queensland Government Corporate Identity guidelines.



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Minimum size

The wordmarks should not be used at sizes smaller than shown at left.

COAT OF ARMS + WORDMARK

The wordmark may be used as a lock-up arrangement with the Coat of Arms and can only be applied to appropriate materials where space permits and must observe the required clearance space around the Coat of Arms. The wordmark cannot appear above or below the Coat of Arms.

The preferred placement of the Coat of Arms is the bottom right on all collateral as per the Queensland Government corporate identity guidelines.

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COLOUR

The colour for the wordmark is blue.

Departments can continue to use their colour palette; however, they must use the blue wordmark in all instances for advertising, marketing and communication collateral.

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The Noto font family is the approved corporate typeface for the Queensland Government. However, for the wordmark, Noto Sans must be used.

Typefaces

The Delivering for Queensland wordmark uses typeface weights from Noto Sans, as per the Queensland Government corporate identity guidelines.

Font licences

Noto Sans is available for free in Adobe Creative Cloud or Google Fonts.

ADVERTISING EXAMPLES

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Instagram, Snapchat.

Page 5 shows the minimum size of the primary Queensland wordmark on social media. It should be no smaller than 55px, aiming for maximum readability within the space limitations.



Facebook post

SIGNAGE

Event banners,
project signs



Pull-up banner



Project sign



Project sign with funding from external organisations

HOARDING

The wordmark should be used in conjunction with the Queensland Government Coat of Arms as per the examples below.



Site hoarding example



Site hoarding example

Role of Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC)

DPC is the custodian of the Queensland Government's Corporate Identity System including the Delivering for Queensland wordmark. Queries regarding the wordmark should first be directed to your department's corporate identity coordinator in the first instance. All other queries can be directed to Advertising and Strategy, DPC via email to corporate.id@premiers.qld.gov.au.

Role of corporate identity coordinators

Corporate identity coordinators are responsible for overseeing the correct implementation of corporate identity in their department.

Contact your department's corporate identity coordinator if you require advice on using the corporate identity system as applied to your agency. The current list of corporate identity coordinators is available on Marketing Matters marketing.govnet.qld.gov.au

Role of Queensland Government employees

Queensland Government employees have a responsibility to ensure the corporate identity system is correctly implemented within the scope of their roles. They are expected to uphold the Queensland Government's brand and identity, approval from corporate.id@premiers.qld.gov.au must be sought before the introduction of separate logos, namestyles, or other visual identities other than the wordmark. Professional graphic designers should undertake the production of all materials intended for audiences external to government.



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Wordmark and visual identity

The *Queensland* wordmark 'Delivering for Queensland' visual identity has been developed to ensure consistency across Queensland Government communication materials.

The wordmark assists the government to speak with one, unified voice and should be applied to all external materials including any government projects and initiatives.

A [style guide\(PDF, 3.2MB\)](#) wordmark-and-visual-identity/assets/QG-2025-style-guide.pdf has been created to implement the new wordmark.

The style guide provides clear examples of how the new wordmark should be used across a range of creative executions, including:

- Advertising: print, digital and social media
- Signage: billboards, pull up banners, site hoarding
- Communication documents: publications, plans, strategies and reports
- Events: collateral and signage
- Display materials.

It also provides guidance on using the wordmark in conjunction with the other elements of the Queensland Government corporate identity.

[Stationery guidelines](#) wordmark-and-visual-identity/assets/QG-2025-stationery-guidelines.pdf are now available to assist with preparing letterhead and other materials.

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Corporate Identity FAQs

When does the Delivering for Queensland wordmark and Style Guide take effect?

The Queensland Government has adopted a new Delivering for Queensland wordmark (the wordmark) and Queensland Government Delivering for Queensland Style Guide (the style guide).

In line with the style guide, the wordmark is to be applied to all external materials to support the Queensland Government's priorities. This extends to advertising, marketing and communication materials inclusive of infrastructure projects, documents, plans and strategies, reports and similar communication material to support the Queensland Government's priorities and ensure a consistent Queensland Government brand.

It can be used for internal documentation as required and at the discretion of each department.

Please refer to the [style guide](#) for guidance and application of use.

The wordmark replaces all former wordmarks issued by the Queensland Government including 'Queensland: Good jobs, Better services, Great lifestyle' and 'Unite and Recover'; and their associated Style Guides, all of which must no longer be used.

Queensland Government departments are to now apply the wordmark in line with the style guide in a cost-conscious approach.

What colours can I use for the Coat of Arms (COA)

As outlined in the style guide, the preferred colour for the Coat of Arms is Blue (HEX#005EB0)

New templates will be developed shortly and published on Marketing Matters.

Is there a preferred placement for the Coat of Arms and the DfQ wordmark?

The preferred placement of the wordmark is top right. The wordmark may be used in a lock-up arrangement with the Coat of Arms (side by side with the Coat of Arms on the right), where space permits. The required clearance space around the Coat of Arms must be observed. The wordmark should not appear above or below the Coat of Arms.

The preferred placement of the Coat of Arms is the bottom right, where possible, as per the Queensland Government corporate identity guidelines.

Can we use the Coat of Arms and the DfQ wordmark on apparel and merchandise?

No. The exception to this is media walls or pull up banners etc for approved Queensland Government events.

Will new Corporate Identity Guidelines for other areas be updated and published to Marketing Matters?

Yes. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is updating the Corporate Identity System Guidelines to reflect these new changes and they will be available shortly.

Do departments have to adopt the Delivering for Queensland email signature block (with new branding, blue Coat of Arms, and the DfQ banner)?

Yes, the Delivering for Queensland email signature block is to be used in its entirety by all departments. Additional design elements such as internal branding are not to be incorporated and are to be removed.

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Updated National Queensland Cross River Rail

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'A matter for them': Regulator contradicts LNP Cross River Rail delay claims

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IN NUMBERS

2029

The year Cross River Rail will be operational, with passengers, according to the LNP

\$10.5 billion

The cost of the tunnel itself, including maintenance over 25 years

\$5 billion

The cost of integration works, stabling yards, a new signalling system and replacement buses

\$1.5 billion

Overrun costs and contractor claims, according to the LNP

The national rail safety regulator has contradicted claims it told the new LNP government that Brisbane's Cross River Rail will not be ready for passengers until 2029 due to a lengthy testing and certification process.

The previous Labor government had promised Cross River Rail would be delivered with a budget of \$5.4 billion, with most construction finished by 2025 and passenger services starting in 2026.

On Tuesday, Transport Minister Brent Mickelberg said the mega project would cost more than \$17 billion and not be ready until 2029.

He said that when finished, the tunnel must be independently certified by the regulator after a testing and commissioning phase which it had told him would take at least two years.

However, the Office of the National Rail Safety Regulator contradicted that claim on Wednesday afternoon.

"ONRSR does not undertake testing or commissioning for any major project – this is the role of the project manager, so the timeframe for this process is a matter for them," a spokeswoman for

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the regulator said.



Inside the Cross River Rail tunnel beneath Roma Street. CROSS RIVER RAIL AUTHORITY

“ONRSR’s role is to assess evidence provided by the project manager to confirm that the safety assurance process for the project is complete and in accordance with their safety management system. ONRSR also assesses the supporting evidence for the operational safety case prior to commencement of first passenger services.

“Every project has its own characteristics, so timeframes vary and are managed by the respective project managers.”

Speaking to journalists at lunchtime on Wednesday, Mickelberg refused to reveal further details about the claimed delays and cost blowouts.

“I have a detailed breakdown, and I’m not going to share that detailed breakdown because it may jeopardise contract negotiations and I’m not going to put ... the Queensland taxpayer in a position where we’re going to pay more to a contractor than we otherwise need,” he said.

But he suggested the Labor federal government should chip in to help cover the billions of dollars in “hidden” costs the LNP government has claimed to have uncovered.

“If [federal Infrastructure Minister] Catherine King wants to commit additional funds to Cross River Rail, I will welcome it with open arms,” he said.

The government said its predecessors had “hidden” \$5 billion in costs that included integration works to connect the tunnel with the existing rail network, stabling to park the trains, a new signalling system, buses to carry passengers while stations and tracks were being built, and additional maintenance equipment.

Mickelberg said the tunnel itself would ultimately cost \$10.5 billion – a figure that included private refinancing payments and maintenance over 25 years.

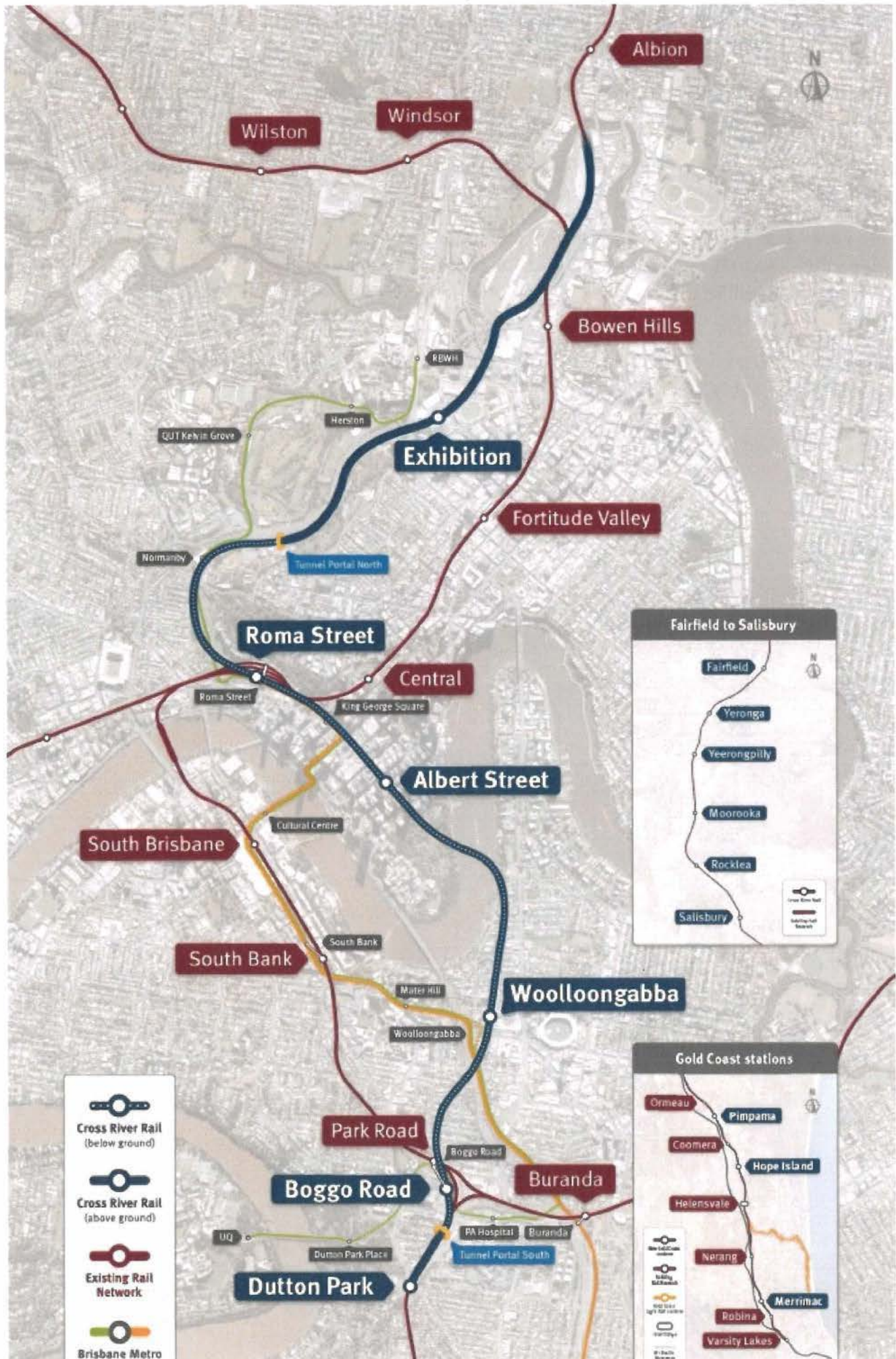
“Any engineer will tell you that when you look at a project, you need to look at it from cradle to grave,” he said.

Opposition transport spokesman Bart Mellish, the former transport minister, accused Mickelberg of “cooking the books”.

“No government, business or person has included the cost of maintenance for the life of an asset when calculating the cost to build the project,” he said.

“It’s also concerning that the new government isn’t committed to a 2026 opening of the project.

“Also, adding the cost of buses to be used across the whole of south-east Queensland to the project is laughable.”





Cross River Rail, from Dutton Park to Exhibition Station. CROSS RIVER RAIL/QUEENSLAND GOVERNMENT

The Cross River Rail Authority referred questions about the project's budget and timeline back to Mickelberg's office.

It was not the first time the LNP had accused Labor of hiding Cross River Rail costs. Last month Premier David Crisafulli claimed the Miles Labor government secretly signed off on a \$494 million Cross River Rail "blowout" just before it entered the pre-election caretaker period.

Deputy Opposition Leader Cameron Dick said the money had been set aside in case of cost overruns in a "high-cost, high-inflation environment" and accused Crisafulli of putting half a billion dollars at risk by declaring the government's hand in future negotiations.

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David Crisafulli's department has quietly commissioned more than \$650,000 in taxpayer-funded polling and market research in just five months, after he criticised former premier Annastacia Palaszczuk for doing the same thing.

Government spending disclosures show Mr Crisafulli's Department of Premier and Cabinet ordered four tranches of "market research" and "concept testing" from polling and research companies The Lab Insight and Strategy, Verian Group, and Fifty-Five Five between December and April, at a total cost of \$651,107.

The Australian [revealed ahead of the 2020 state election](#) that Labor premier Ms Palaszczuk's department had spent \$528,000 for Ipsos to do Covid-19 polling and market research.

She [refused to release the data](#). But in February last year, her successor, Labor premier Steven Miles, [eventually published](#) thousands of pages of research dating back to 2020.

The Labor government ended up spending more than \$1m [surveying Queenslanders](#) on issues such as youth crime, the Brisbane 2032 Olympics, the Indigenous voice to parliament and pandemic border closures.

As opposition leader, Mr Crisafulli was highly critical of Ms Palaszczuk's decision to order the research and not release it.

In parliament in November 2023, he accused the premier and her government of having the "wrong priorities" and focusing on spending "hundreds of thousands of dollars to try to secure its political future".

"The premier always says that the only poll that matters is the one on election day. Why, then, would she spend hundreds of thousands of Queensland taxpayers' dollars to save her job today?" Mr Crisafulli said.

"Why do we have a government so focused on its own survival rather than on what Queenslanders are experiencing in their lives?

"Queenslanders are living with a health crisis, a youth crime crisis, a cost-of-living crisis and a housing crisis. This government's focus is on how it can get secret polling to try to save itself from facing its date with destiny."

At the same time, Mr Crisafulli's LNP opposition moved a motion in parliament in an unsuccessful attempt to force Ms Palaszczuk to release the Ipsos polling.

Then opposition integrity in government spokeswoman [Fiona Simpson](#) – now Mr Crisafulli's Minister for Women – said there was "simply no justification for this secret polling to continue to be locked away from public view".

On Thursday, The Australian asked Mr Crisafulli's office to release the research, to commit to releasing any in-progress research once complete, and to detail the terms of reference for each contract, but was rebuffed.

A government spokesman said "concept development of policy campaigns and the development of their corresponding communication campaigns is a longstanding practice employed across the Queensland government, and is a vital step to ensure critical communications resonate with Queenslanders and is effective".

"An example of this work undertaken by the Queensland government is the anti-bullying campaign, which engaged directly with parents, teachers and students to

ensure anti-bullying messaging was as effective as possible in driving down bullying in schools,” he said.

The spokesman did not answer questions about what methodology – such as [focus groups](#) – the market research companies were using, and declined to give a full list of what topics or policies were being canvassed with voters.

In parliament in [September 2021](#), opposition MP [Laura Gerber](#) – now Mr Crisafulli’s [Youth Justice Minister](#) – called for the Palaszczuk government to release the pandemic-related polling and be “open and accountable”.

“This is public money,” Ms Gerber said.

“At the very least, Queenslanders deserve to see what they got for their half a million dollars. Taxpayers deserve to see the results of the secret polling they paid for.”

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Marginal seat focus of Premier’s office polling

By MICHAEL MCKENNA



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Revealed: secret \$400K polling led to Palaszczuk exit

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LEADING MAN

Queensland Opposition Leader, David Crisafulli, is a passionate politician and an even more passionate Gold Coaster.

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DAVID CRISAFULLI is a man with a vision.

A vision to start opening up new tourism operations utilising our natural resources.

A vision where we have the best environmental standards and the best technology to produce quality products.

A vision for mining to be at the cutting-edge; for farmers to once again be the backbone of the nation and for new developments and new opportunities to be available right across the state.

A vision for low unemployment rates and hospitals and schools that put the patient and the student before everything else.

A vision to return Queensland to number one.

And listening to the State's Leader of the Opposition speak with such passion and such conviction, it is very easy to imagine those visions coming to fruition.

As proud first generation Australian, David has witnessed first-hand how a strong work ethic and a desire to succeed can help you achieve whatever you set your mind to.

"My grandfather came to Australia to cut cane in the heat of Queensland sun when he was about my age," David explains.

"He didn't speak a word of English but he worked his backside off and by the time he passed away, he had bought a couple of farms and done really well for himself.

"My dad left school when he was 12, but to his credit he took over the reins and now runs a very successful farming enterprise.

"I'm very proud of both of them."

While farming was (and still is) very much a part of his heritage, David's career has taken a very different path.

"I was 18 when I first got a job as a cadet journalist at the local paper, 21 when I started in television and 24 when I was elected to council," David says.

"At one stage I was doing breakfast radio in the morning and television during the day, then at night I would run some lectures at the local university for young journalism students – which I enjoyed immensely – and on weekends I was a correspondent for *The Australian* and the *Sunday Mail* writing sport."

While this was perfect grounding for the long hours he is undertaking in his current role, it was also the catalyst for him entering politics in the first place.

"As a journalist I was increasingly becoming frustrated with my local council in Townsville which was very partisan and, in my opinion, very misguided in its views with the community," David explains.

"It was a 100 per cent Labor Party Council and the only council outside of Brisbane which has endorsed political candidates.

"I was encouraged to run as a young conservative and I ran my first campaign with \$3000 I'd saved up and two pairs of shoes.

"I just doorknocked and doorknocked and doorknocked and I won a seat in what was a very Labor area."

He went on to attain the position of deputy mayor before making the shift to state politics.

"I was getting frustrated by the way the local government was getting treated by the state so I made the decision to run for a state seat," he says.

"I was elected as part of the 2012 landslide, which was the first time we had won that seat in a general election for 100 years, and I was put straight into the Ministry as Local Government Minister.

"During that time, I was able to effect change and help restore power to local government, rebuilding communities like Bundaberg, and it was an amazing experience."

However, in 2015, there was a big correction and while David won on primaries, preferences meant he lost the seat.

Ever the diplomat, he admits it was a turning point in both his life and his career.

"It was scary and very humbling but it was probably a lesson I needed in life," he recalls.

"Around that time, I was asked by someone to write a proposal to put to government which was very well received so I set up a Media/Government Strategy business and within a few months I had an office on the Gold Coast employing a couple of staff and things were going really well."

Seeing the potential, David and his wife Tegan, who he had met in Ingham while they were both working at Coles (Tegan worked in the bakery and I was in the deli," he recalls), made the move from Townsville to Hope Island.

"Within a month of making the decision to relocate, we had sold our home and bought one here, traded in the ute and bought a sedan, swapped the big dog for a little dog, and enrolled the girls in school," David says with a wry smile.

"From the moment we got here I've had an amazing affinity with the Gold Coast," he says.

"People say to me 'why do you think the Gold Coast is such an amazing city?' and automatically they think you are going to say the beaches, or the hinterland or the theme parks.

"They are all great, they are magnificent ... and so are the restaurants and the café culture ... and we are starting to get a vibrant arts scene ... but that's not what I love about the Gold Coast.

"To me, it is the city of aspirations.

"The majority of the people on the Coast aren't born and raised here, they have come from somewhere ... and overwhelmingly they have come because they want more ... they want more for their kids, they are prepared to make sacrifices to get ahead, and I love that.

"As soon as I arrived, I was welcomed with open arms ... and I wasn't welcomed because I was David Crisafulli, the former politician, I was welcomed because it's that sort of place.

"It's an amazing city, it's a deep city and it's a place where people aspire to be ... and that suits my values."

With the family settled in their new home town, another shot at politics beckoned.

David was elected the Member for Broadwater in 2017 and subsequently took over the reins as leader of the Queensland Liberal National Party in November 2020.

Now over 100 days into the role, David says there is a lot to be done to rebuild the party, however, he is definitely up for the challenge.

"I'm a different style of Opposition Leader," he says.

"I'm not a whinger and I'm not a stirrer, that's just not my style.

"I am a values-driven politician, therefore if something's good, I say it's good regardless of the politics, likewise, if I feel something is wrong, I won't take a backward step.

"That means there are days when people say I should go harder and days they say I should go softer.

"That's understandable but people will learn from me that if I say something, it's not because a pollster has told me to say it, it's not because a focus group has told me you need to talk more about this or that, it's because I truly believe in my value set.

"As a party we are working to rebuild, refresh and reenergise and it's an exciting time for me, both personally and professionally." ■

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— David Crisafulli

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Feeding the Chooks: Frontrunner emerges in race to Queensland's Government House



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G'day readers and welcome to this week's edition of Feeding the Chooks, your weekly insight into what's really going on in Queensland politics.

Crisafulli's marching orders

David Crisafulli is thinking about the LNP government's next big appointment – [a new Queensland governor to replace Jeannette Young](#) when the former chief health officer's five-year term expires next year.

Chooks hears the early favourite is retired soldier Lieutenant General **John Frewen**, a man DC got to know during his time in Townsville as a local city councillor and rookie minister under **Campbell Newman**.

Not everyone in Crisafulli's extended orbit is happy about this. There is chatter around the LNP traps that the plum post should go to someone with "broader life experience". Read that how you will.

Just not too broad. Or involved. The attraction of soldiers for vice-regal gigs (think ex governors-general **Michael Jeffery**, **Peter Cosgrove** and **David Hurley**) is that they tend to be, well, straitlaced specimens with no pesky skeletons rattling around. You'd think that would also be the case with ministers of the cloth – lest we forget archbishop **Peter Hollingworth's** short but eventful tenure at Yarralumla.

Either way, Young shouldn't expect to have her lease on the big house on Fernberg Road renewed in November next year. Her appointment by **Annastacia Palaszczuk** in 2021 wasn't a winner with the LNP.

Frewen is a career army man who also served as deputy director-general of spooks shop, the Australian Signals Directorate, and helped run the National Covid Vaccine Taskforce during the pandemic.

Training wheels

The Liberal National Party's star frontbencher **Laura Gerber** was hand-picked by Premier **David Crisafulli** to deliver a reckoning for the state's young crims, charging Gerber with delivering the government's signature "adult crime, adult time" laws.

But Chooks hears that the second-term Gold Coast MP is facing some accountability of her own in how she deals with the pressures of high office.

It is no secret that the turnstile out of her ministerial office has been spinning with the departure of not one, but two of her chiefs of staff – [David Fraser](#) and **Matt McEachan** - along with a number of other senior and junior staff members.

Her new chief of staff is former Karen Andrews staffer Valeria Cheglov, and McEachan is now in Crisafulli's office.

But there are still mixed reports about Gerber's direct leadership style.

Gerber was ordered into managerial training earlier this year after word got around about the tensions that had caused some of her staff to depart. Chooks hears Gerber hasn't been going to her mandated management lessons.

But Gerber showed on Monday she might also benefit from a spot of media training.

The first rule is not to accuse journalists, particularly those with a record of unbiased coverage and news breaking, of asking questions put up by the Labor opposition.

Talk about shooting the messenger when she levelled the missile at the journalist who asked the very legitimate question about the government's apparent hiding of advice from the [expert legal panel informing the youth crime laws](#).

Two days later, Gerber made it a point to stress how much she respected the work of the fourth estate. But the press gallery has a long memory and it is unlikely a faux pas that big will be forgotten quickly.

Ready, set, redistribute

The [controversial panel overseeing the redistribution](#) of Queensland's electoral boundaries has started work.

You would recall that there was much [outcry over the appointment of John Sosso](#) as the public service appointee to the panel that will do the mind-boggling work of redrawing the boundaries to fit population movements and, possibly, recommended the creation of a new seat (or two).

While that is a likely last resort option, Chooks has been told speculation is growing that future Labor leadership hopeful **Meaghan Scanlon** may bear the brunt of the electoral overhaul.

But senior Labor insiders tell us that no matter what happens to Scanlon's seat of Gaven, on the northern reaches of the Gold Coast, there are already discussions about safeguarding her political career.

"She is leadership material, everyone knows it," says a senior Labor insider.

"Even if they dramatically redraw the boundaries, she will be looked after, including parachuting her into a safe seat."

Chamber on notice

There may be a few nervous nellys on the floor of the chamber this week after Speaker **Pat Weir** was forced to chastise the 58th parliament for playing silly buggers with the microphone system.

On more than one occasion, MPs' microphones wouldn't turn on when it was their turn to speak, ruffling feathers.

"It has come to my attention that there are some games being played with microphones. We keep a full electronic log of who presses the button on their mics, which I will be looking at," Weir warned.

All the microphones in the chamber were upgraded at the end of last year, and only three mics plus the speaker's can be turned on at any one time.

While it may be some overeager members trying to jump early or, equally, someone carelessly pressing their "on" button, Chooks hears one (or a few) MPs suddenly looked nervous when the warning was handed down.

Even the clerk of the parliament **Neil Laurie** was caught out this week after accidentally leaving a document on the mic button.

Chooks hears the microphone system has been pretty much the same for two decades, but it's only been in recent sitting weeks that MPs appear to be gaming the system.

The logs haven't been checked yet, but there is a list and we're waiting for it to be checked twice.

Four interjections and an apology (kind of)

Labor backbencher Jonty Bush is in the sights of parliament's ethics committee.

Bush's alleged crime? She point-blank refused to remove a social media video of Olympics and Paralympics Minister Tim Mander calling gold-medallist Alexa Leary "the most beautiful woman that is playing sport at the moment".

As [Chooks revealed last week](#), the Cooper MP defied requests from the aforementioned parliamentary clerk **Neil Laurie** and Mander to take down the clip, in which she'd criticised Mander for his parliamentary remarks about the superstar.

In parliament this week, Bush gave a fiery sorry-not-sorry, and began speaking about the sporting hurdles the young girls in her daughter's basketball team would have overcome, before doubling down on why language matters.

"Women in sport have fought long and hard to be respected for their talent and determination, not reduced to their appearance or demeanour," Bush said.

Mander – who says he was referring to the swimming champ's character– rose on four points of order.

"Not only do I take offence; Alexa Leary's family takes offence at the weaponisation of those comments," he said.

While Bush ultimately ended her speech with an apology after finally taking the video down, the matter has been referred to the ethics committee.

Labor opposition frontbencher **Mark Bailey** attempted to speak in support of his colleague, who he claimed was being harassed, but was quickly shut down by Deputy Speaker **Jon Krause**.

Spotted

There has been a reshuffle in the chamber following [Jimmy Sullivan's exile from Labor caucus](#) onto the backbench last week.

Instead of sitting next to one of his old Labor mates - Stretton's **James Martin** - Sullivan's now firmly on the crossbench, next to the sole Greens MP **Michael Berkman**, and one along from Noosa Independent **Sandy Bolton**.

Martin's been shunted into blue territory, sitting on an LNP bench next to first-term Burleigh MP **Hermann Vorster**.

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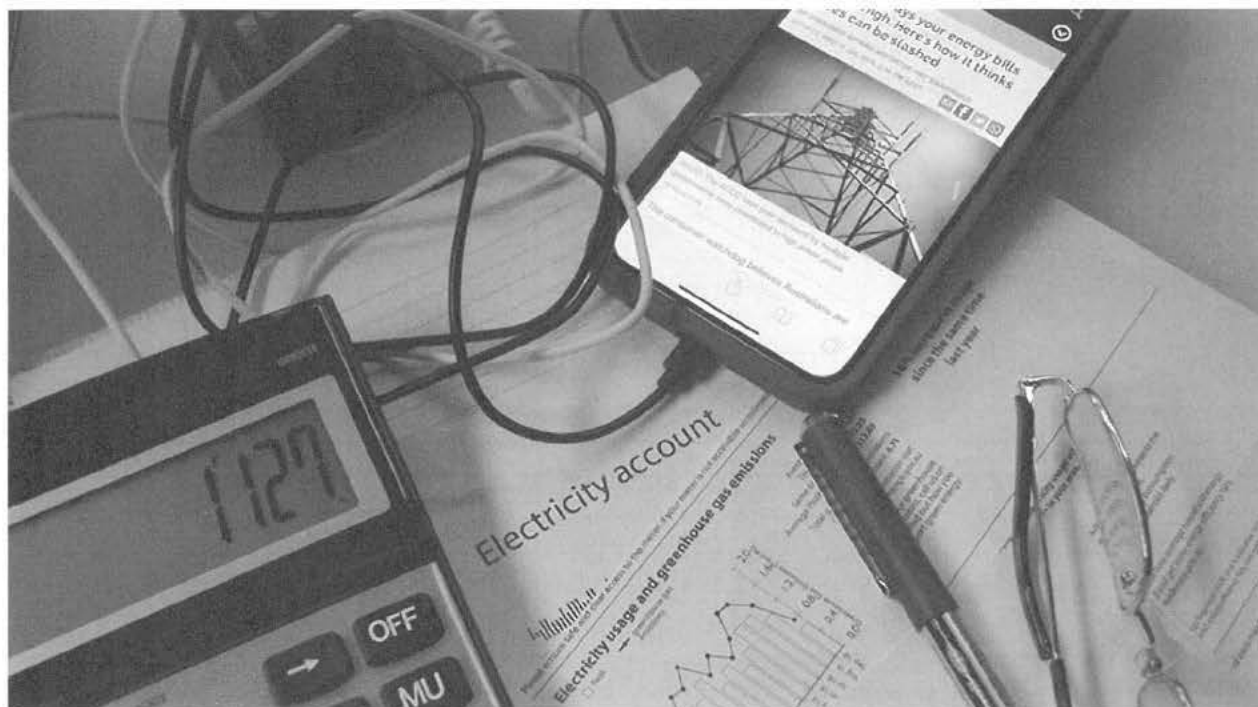
Power bills to rise yet again from mid-year as federal election looms

By energy reporter Daniel Mercer

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Households can expect more bill pain with the regulator set to lift power price benchmarks. (ABC News: Natasha Johnson)

In short:

Power prices are set to inch higher yet again, with the Australian Energy Regulator lifting the caps on how much retailers can charge for electricity.

The default market offer will rise by up to 8.9 per cent in some areas, as the cost of power generation and the maintenance of the poles and wires network keeps climbing.

What's next?

Energy experts say there are ways for every consumer to cut down on bills as they urge the government to support sustainable ways to cut

household bills.

Australian energy consumers weary after years of soaring power prices are set to be sluggish again, with benchmark tariffs to rise by between 5.1 and 8.9 per cent in some parts of the country.

In a draft decision landing on the cusp of a federal election, the Australian Energy Regulator (AER) has on Thursday recommended an increase to the so-called default market offer (DMO) in multiple states.

The benchmark price will climb by up to 8.9 per cent for some households in New South Wales, 5.8 per cent in south-east Queensland, and 5.1 per cent in South Australia.

Those price rises are significantly higher than inflation, but well below the 20 per cent price rises seen a few years ago as energy prices spiked around the invasion of Ukraine.

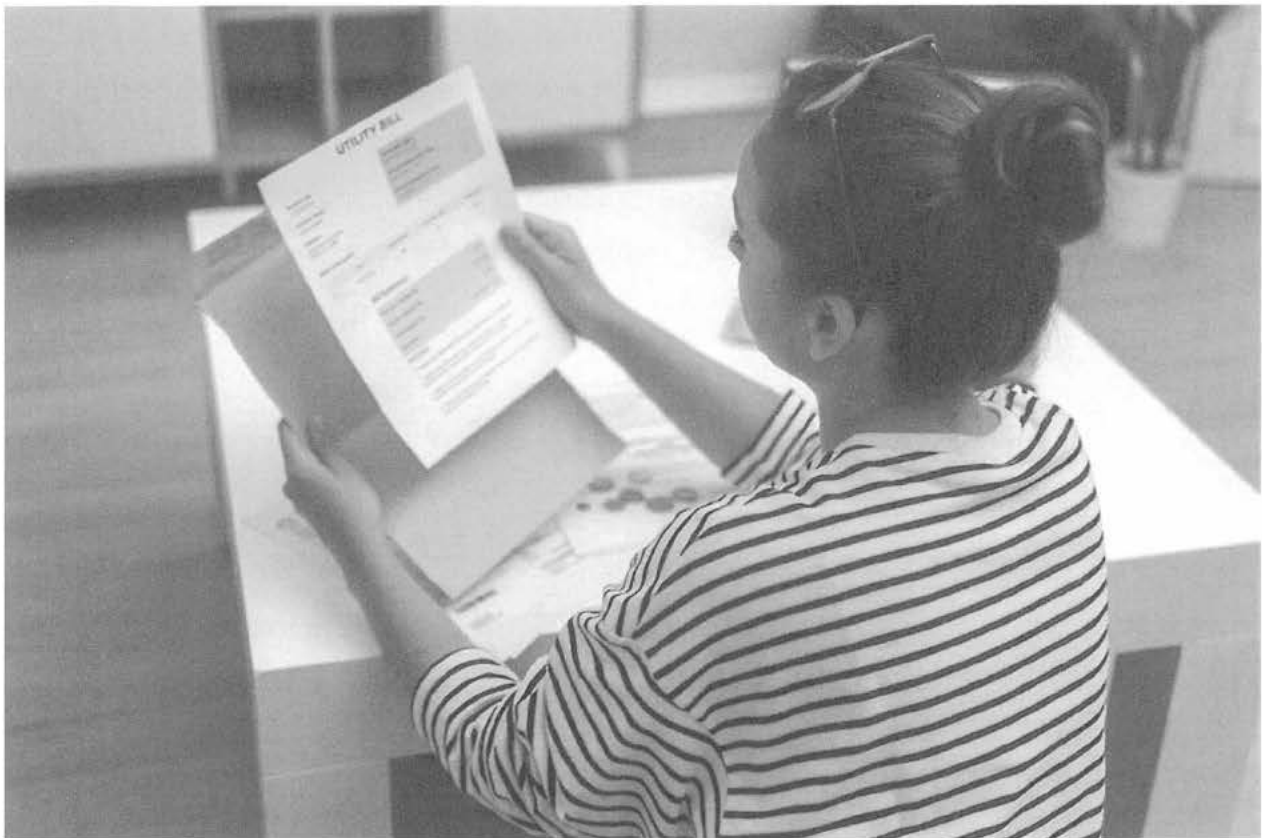
Chair of the AER, Claire Savage, said the agency is conscious of the impact on households.

"We know that cost-of-living pressures are front of mind for many households and small businesses," she said.

"We've seen cost pressures across nearly every component of the DMO, and we have given careful scrutiny to every element of the DMO cost stack to ensure prices are a reasonable reflection of the costs of a retailer to supply electricity."

The DMO acts as a type of safety net for consumers in south-east Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT and South Australia.

It is the maximum price power retailers can charge consumers who are not otherwise on a competitive market offer.



The default market offer covers customers in NSW, the ACT, SA, and SE Qld who are on standing offers with their power retailers. *(Supplied: stock image)*

And while it only affects about one-in-10 customers directly, the DMO also serves as the benchmark against which all other retail tariffs are set.

Under prices set for this financial year, the DMO ranges from \$1,800 in New South Wales to more than \$2,200 in South Australia for a typical household.

In Victoria, the Essential Services Commission determines a similar measure, with a draft for its new default offer due on Thursday as well.

That price rise is much more modest — on average below 1 per cent for households or roughly an extra \$12 a year, and under 3 per cent for businesses.

Separate arrangements are in place in Western Australia, the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

What can I do to get the best price?

- The AER has a tool for customers to compare prices in ACT, NSW, Queensland, SA and Tasmania.

- There's a separate site to compare prices in Victoria.
- Residential customers in Western Australia are either supplied by Synergy or Horizon Power, depending on where they live.
- And only people in the Northern Territory's major centres — Darwin, Katherine, Tennant Creek or Alice Springs — are able to choose their providers.

Gavin Dufty, the national director of energy at St Vincent de Paul, said the DMO should always be a last resort for consumers unable to or uninterested in getting a better deal.

That it was set to rise again, he said, should underline the importance of seeking the best market offers around.

"You've got to get off your seat and shop around," Mr Dufty said.

"And I know that sounds really boring and passé, but that's where you have to go.

"There is opportunity there. But sitting on your hands, it won't come to you."

The price rises land on the cusp of a federal election, with both the cost and living and energy policy high on the agenda.

Responding to the increase, Energy Minister Chris Bowen pointed to steps already taken to try and reduce the impact of power bills.

"The Albanese government's plan is the only one which is providing bill relief now and supported by experts to deliver a clean, cheap, reliable and resilient energy system into the future," he said.

There has been speculation the government might extend \$300 power bill rebates for another year in the looming federal election.

The Coalition has argued it's not a long-term solution to rising power bills.

Shadow Energy Minister Ted O'Brien said the government had to take responsibility for price hikes.

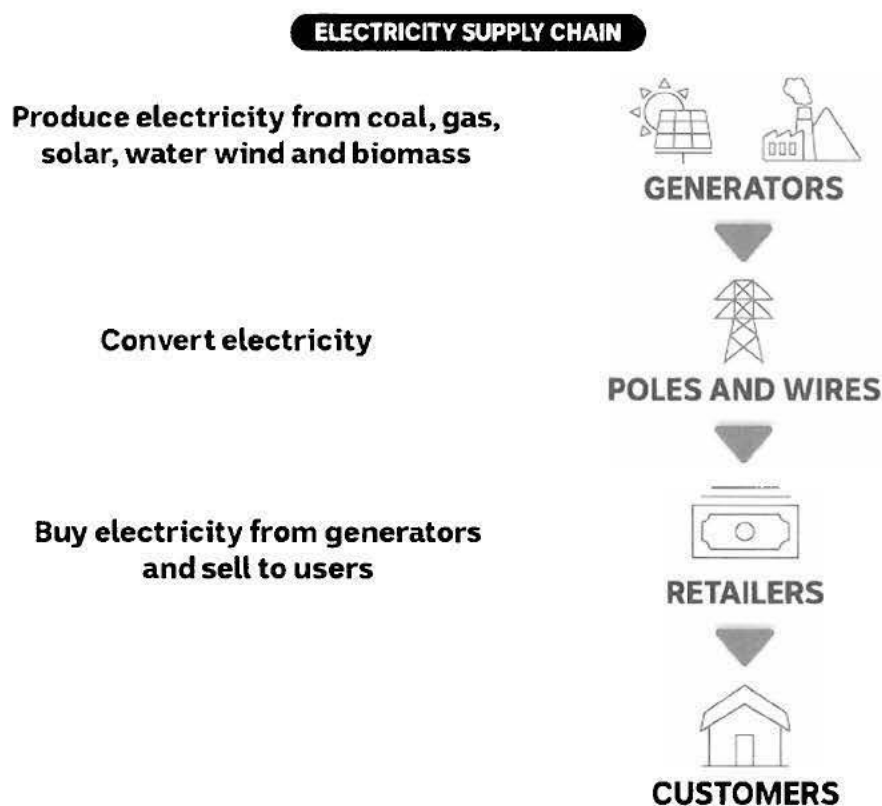
"Three years ago, Anthony Albanese and Chris Bowen promised cheaper power bills. Instead, they've delivered among some of the highest electricity prices in the world," he said.

Prices jump after brief reprieve

The expected jump in the DMO from July is set to resume the rapid ascent of power prices in Australia after a brief reprieve — of sorts — last year.

Prices increased only modestly and even fell in some states last year but this followed hikes of up to 40 per cent in the two prior years as the fallout from the 2022 energy crisis hit home.

Driving the latest increase are rising costs in the two biggest parts of the electricity supply chain — the wholesale generation market and the network of transmission and distribution lines.



There are several parts playing into the cost of electricity. (ABC News: Shakira Wilson)

Josh Stabler from consultancy Energy Edge said the costs of generating power might not have jumped anything like they did in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine when oil and gas prices shot up globally.

But he said they were still higher to varying degrees — less so in Queensland but more in New South Wales and, it is understood, South Australia.

"We are not seeing a material change down in terms of pricing," Mr Stabler said.

"This is not an up and then back down again. This is, at the moment, looking like a new normal."

"That may or may not be politically acceptable but it's what we're seeing on a regular basis at this point."

What's driving the price hikes

The Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, energy analysts advocating for the renewables transition, said wholesale prices were being pushed higher by fossil fuels.

In a research note, the group pointed to a Griffith University study that found gas directly or indirectly set electricity prices in the market 50 to 90 per cent of the time.

And since gas had become so much more expensive in Australia in recent years, it said the effects of gas-fired power on price had become even greater.

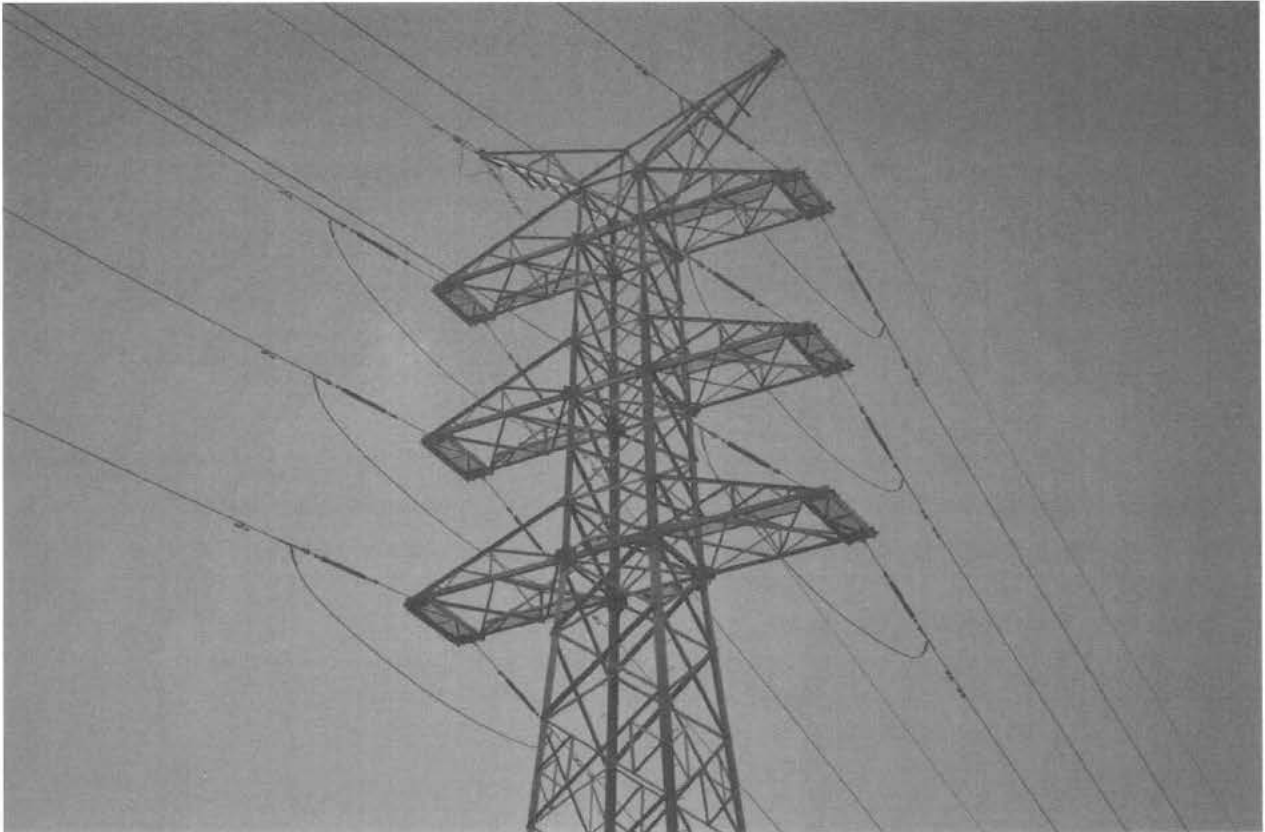


North West Shelf Project's Goodwyn Platform lies 135 kilometres north-west of Karratha. *(Supplied: Woodside)*

On top of this, IEEFA said a run of unplanned outages at coal plants in the past year had also contributed to the elevated cost of wholesale power.

By contrast, it said renewable energy was correlated with low or even negative spot prices, where generators have to pay someone to take their output off their hands.

As well as the elevated prices in the wholesale market, is it believed there are also significant cost pressures building up in the costs of transporting electricity through Australia's network of poles and wires.



The ageing poles and wires network is adding to the cost of electricity. (ABC News: Chris Gillette)

Last year, AER chair Clare Savage foreshadowed the effects of higher network costs on bills when she said there was a "wall of capex" — or capital expenditure — "coming at consumers".

While this spending includes higher interest costs and inflation, it is understood the AER has also had to make other allowances.

Among them is increased expenditure on new and replacement poles and wires for aging networks, bolstered cyber security measures and climate mitigation.

Mr Dufty from St Vincent de Paul echoed the comments of Mr Stabler in saying the trend line was clear — "overall the average is going up".

How households can cut bills

While not all electricity consumers were the same, Mr Dufty said there were ways for all households to cut power bills.

Installing solar panels was an obvious example, he said.

"Households and businesses could save money on their energy bills through reducing the volume of energy they purchase from the grid," wrote Johanna Bowyer, an analyst with IEEFA wrote.

"This can be done by improving the insulation of buildings, replacing old inefficient electric appliances with efficient ones, and installing rooftop solar and storage."

Changing behaviour was another way to ensure households were taking advantage of cheap power prices during the middle of the day, when solar output was abundant.

"Overall, the energy system needs more money for the transition. But that doesn't mean that you have to pay for it if you're a consumer."

For those consumers least able to shield themselves from rising prices, Mr Dufty said there needed to be special, and targeted, consideration given by governments.

He noted that although energy costs were not as high as some others — such as housing — they were essential and unavoidable.

To that end, he said the DMO and its Victorian equivalent were not working and needed to be reviewed.

What's more, he said vulnerable customers who were eligible for concessions needed to make sure they were receiving them, noting that only 40 per cent were currently doing so.

Sustainable government incentives

Beyond that, Mr Dufty said it was imperative that governments funded schemes aimed at boosting the uptake of green devices such as solar panels out of taxes rather than as levies on electricity bills.



Solar uptake could be spurred on with the right government schemes. *(ABC News: Jess Davis)*

Smearing them on electricity bills only punished those customers who could not — or would not — be able to capitalise on the subsidies, he said.

"At the end of the day, we're going through a transition," he said.

"We've got to focus on policy.

"And that's where governments come in. How do they build up the complementary measures to make sure those shock absorbers support people along the way?

"Because if you don't do that, people get left behind and then the politics plays into it."

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New data exposes dangerous car habits putting Qld drivers at risk

Nearly one-third of Queenslanders are putting themselves at risk of breakdowns and accidents by avoiding essential car maintenance.



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A quarter of Queenslanders are not confident they can spot the early warning signs in their vehicle. (File picture)

Nearly one-third of Queenslanders are putting themselves at risk of breakdowns and accidents by delaying car maintenance due to cost-of-living pressures, the state's peak motoring body has warned.

And 80 per cent of the motorists who were avoiding the essential task had skipped out on their annual car service and 40 per cent had deferred replacing their tyres.

The alarming new data from RACQ also revealed a quarter of Queenslanders were not confident they could spot the early warning signs in their vehicle when it might be due for maintenance or servicing.

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The latest findings come after the peak body's roadside assistance fleet had responded to nearly 740,000 calls for help in the 2025 financial year.

Of those, 327,840 call-outs were for battery-related issues, 23,786 for vehicle lockouts, 74,840 for flat tyres and 6450 from those who had run out of fuel.

The data also singled out the top regions across the state where the most roadside assistance call-outs occurred, with the majority reported in western Brisbane (104,442) and northern Brisbane (101,413).

But despite the concerning findings that Queenslanders were holding out on booking in their car for maintenance, the number of roadside assistance call-outs had decreased over the years, with 740,401 reported in financial year 2024 and 753,658 in financial year 2023.

RACQ Roadside Assistance callouts in FY25 by region

Location	Total events
Brisbane (West)	104,442
Brisbane (North)	101,413
Gold Coast	100,631
Moreton Bay	62,914
Sunshine Coast	58,398
Logan	44,349
Ipswich	27,873
Townsville	24,982
Cairns	22,708
Redlands	19,558
Toowoomba	18,328
Fraser Coast	16,289
Bundaberg	15,476
Noosa	12,831
Mackay	12,489

RACQ deputy group chief executive Glenn Toms stressed that while cost-of-living pressures were seeing Queenslanders hold off from booking in their next service, it was essential that car maintenance was kept up to date.

More than half of Queenslanders surveyed (57 per cent) found that delaying maintenance tasks increased the likelihood of breakdowns or accidents.

“While our fleet of more than 750 patrols is ready to assist motorists 24/7, being aware of early warning signs can reduce your risk of an unplanned breakdown. We understand cost-of-living pressures are impacting household budgets and keeping up with car maintenance can often fall to the wayside,” Mr Toms said.

Mr Toms said it was vital that Queenslanders stay across what different warning lights indicate in their car, encouraging motorists to learn how to perform simple checks at home.

“Tasks you can easily do at home include checking your tyre tread depth, monitoring your oil and fluid levels, ensuring your lights are working properly and making sure your wiper blades are working efficiently,” he explained.

Mr Toms said regular battery checks were also beneficial, as modern vehicles continued to rely more on technology systems.

“Having your battery checked at your local mechanic or at one of RACQ’s auto stores, will give you a good indicator of its lifespan and when it might need to be replaced,” he said.

Queensland to profit \$2b from insurance premiums tax

David Crisafulli previously called 'robbing people'

By state political reporter Jack McKay

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David Crisafulli called for action on the taxes charged on insurance while in opposition in 2021

In short:

Budget figures show the Queensland government will receive \$1.78 billion from insurance duty in 2025-26.

By 2028-29, the government expects annual revenue from the tax will hit \$2.14 billion, which reflects a 19.7 per cent increase over the next four years.

The Insurance Council of Australia has said the tax is "lazy" and unfair to people with high premiums.

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The Queensland government is on track to pocket more than \$2 billion a year from taxes on insurance products amid ongoing premium price rises.

The latest budget figures reveal the state is set to reap \$1.78 billion from insurance duty in 2025-26 — which is about \$120 million more than the year before.

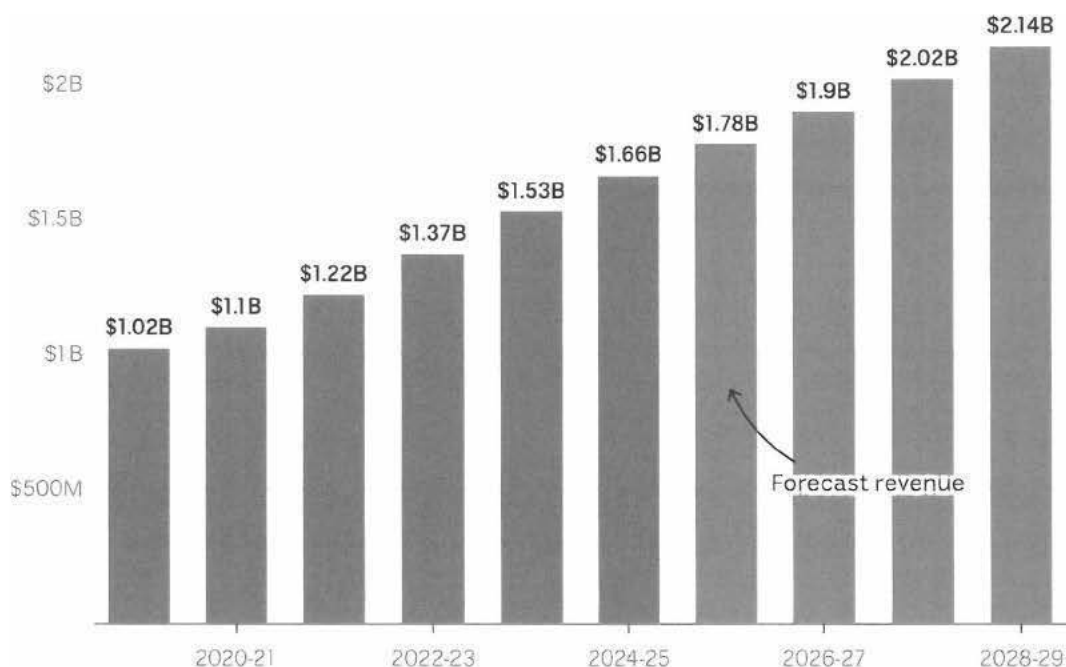
The government charges a flat rate of 9 per cent duty on the premium paid for general insurance products, such as car, home, and contents insurance.

It means as insurance premiums grow, so too does the government's revenue from the duty.

By 2028-29, the government expects annual revenue from the tax will hit \$2.14 billion, which reflects a 19.7 per cent increase over the next four years.

Queensland government revenue from insurance taxes

The government forecasts revenue will reach \$2.14 billion by the end of the 2028-29 financial year.



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The revenue raised from insurance duty is more than what the state makes from gaming machines taxes, the waste levy, or fines and forfeitures.

The budget papers indicate the revenue from insurance duty this financial year reflects the growth in premiums.

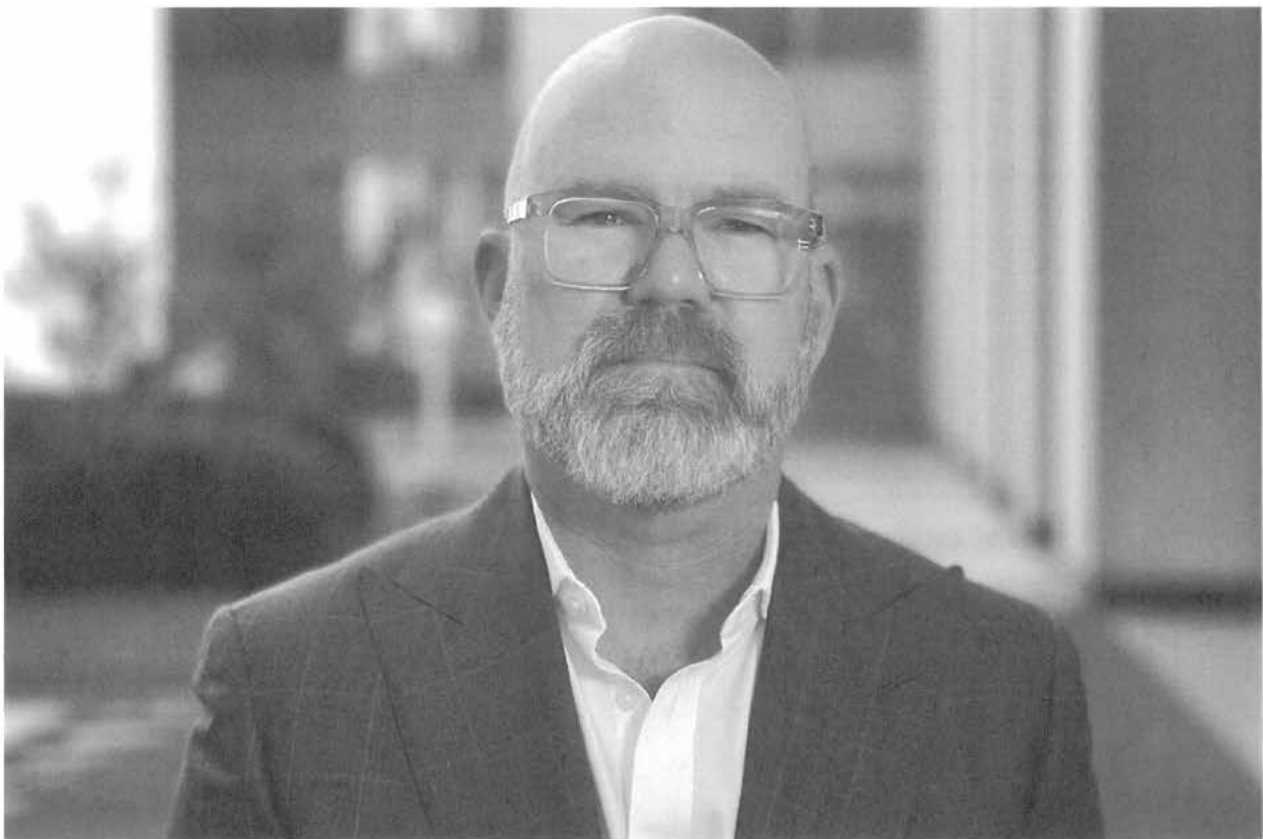
Insurance industry wants tax axed

Insurance Council of Australia chief executive Andrew Hall described insurance duty as a "lazy" tax that punished people doing the "right thing" by taking out insurance.

He said his organisation wanted the tax removed, and, if it wasn't, for more of the duty revenue to go to targeted programs that strengthened Queensland homes.

"We know the Queensland government has a goal to reduce the taxation burden in Queensland and out of date taxes like insurance stamp duties would be a great place to start," he said.

"At the moment during a cost-of-living crisis, the removal of any taxes off insurance premiums would be passed straight through to the consumer and would help enormously with insurance affordability."



Andrew Hall says the tax is "lazy" and unfair to people with high premiums. (ABC News: Tobias Hunt)

Mr Hall suggested the industry would be willing to work with the state government to establish a price monitor to ensure savings were passed on if the duty was abolished.

"Stamp duty is obviously a very valuable revenue source for state governments," he said.

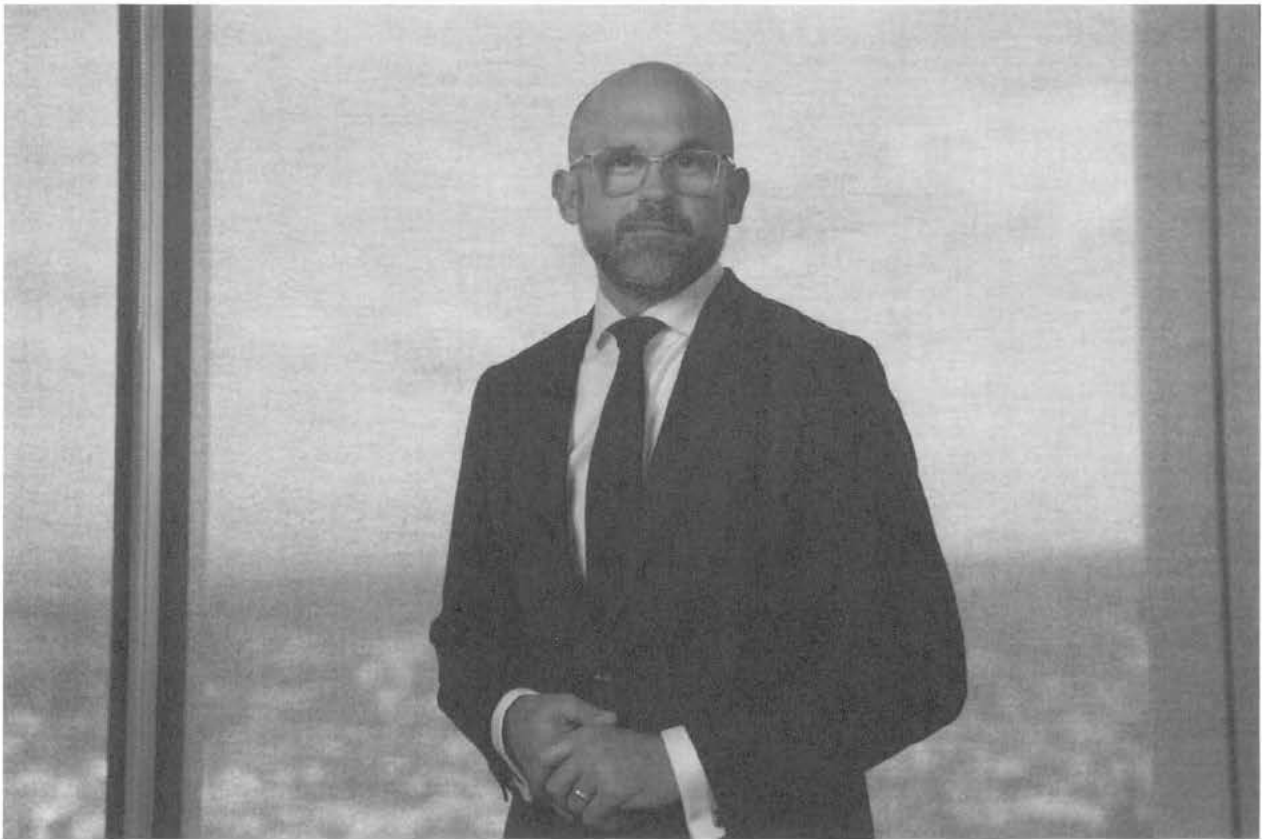
"If they're not going to remove stamp duty off insurance taxes, we would like to see more of that money going into resilience programs."

'No new or increased taxes'

Queensland Treasurer David Janetzki would not say if the government would abolish duties or taxes on insurance or lower the rate of duties.

A spokesperson for Mr Janetzki said the government was investing in mitigation and resilience measures to put downward pressure on insurance premiums.

"There are no new or increased taxes in the budget as we are delivering a stable regulatory and taxation environment after a decade of broken tax promises from the former Labor government," they said.



David Janetzki would not say if the government plans to scrap the tax. (ABC News: Lucas Hill)

The government has pointed out that the recent budget included \$450 million over the next five years for the Queensland Resilience and Risk Reduction Program.

It also noted Queensland's duty rate of 9 per cent makes it the equal lowest standard rate across all jurisdictions in Australia.

The Australian Capital Territory is the only state or territory without stamp duty on insurance.

The duty rate charged on general insurance varies from state to state, but it ranges between 9 and 11 per cent.

Crisafulli previously called for action

In 2020, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission released a report recommending the Queensland, Western Australia, and Northern Territory governments abolish stamp duty on home, contents, and strata insurance.

Commenting on the report in 2021, Premier David Crisafulli, who was then opposition leader, called on the then-government to address the issues outlined in the report.

"Stop robbing people blind on the taxes that are charged on insurance. Stop failing to build things to protect people," he said.

"And stop allowing the insurance companies to go about their merry way without holding their feet to the fire. There are three things that the state can lead."

Mr Crisafulli also said: "It's up to our leaders to find the best tax system so that insurance isn't a milking cow for government."

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The LNP's David Janetzki unveiled his costings plan after being hounded by the Labor government. Photo: Russell Freeman/AAP PHOTOS

A long wait for the Queensland Liberal National Party's economic plan is over but questions remain after it copied a federal Labor initiative to find savings.

The opposition finally revealed its election costings just days before Saturday's poll, unveiling changes set to save almost \$7 billion on consultancies and contractors.

But the LNP came under fire from the Labor government after borrowing from the Commonwealth's playbook.

The opposition is set to copy federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers' idea of establishing a consultancy firm within the public service it predicts will save billions.

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The LNP's touted Brisbane alternatives integral to Queensland's renewable energy transition. a much-dro



David Janetzki revealed a plan to deliver an operating surplus of \$1.176 billion by 2026/27. (Russell Freeman/AAP PHOTOS)

Opposition treasury spokesman David Janetzki on Thursday unveiled his plan after being hounded by the state government, revealing a plan to deliver an operating surplus of \$1.176 billion by 2026/27.

A key plank will be taking a leaf out of Dr Chalmers' book and creating Queensland Government Consulting, costing \$87 million to set up and run over four years.

Mr Janetzki said the LNP would not cut consultants but scale back on private sector dependency, a move he believed would empower the public service and save \$6.8 billion.

"Anyone on a contract, consultant or external contractor will continue with that contract to deliver the services that they are offering," he said.

"But what we need to see is that over reliance on consultants and contractors come to an end.

"We'll adopt the framework of Jim Chalmers and the federal Australian government consulting to get that right."

Treasurer Cameron Dick had spent weeks demanding the David Crisafulli-led LNP reveal its economic plan while spruiking his transparency, setting up a website for voters to monitor Labor's election commitments and costings.

Labor's election spending commitments total \$9.7 billion, with the LNP's revealed to be \$7.12 billion on Thursday.

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Queensland Treasurer Cameron Dick dismissed the LNP's spending plans as "total fantasy". (Darren England/AAP PHOTOS)

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"Every doctor, every nurse, every teacher, every paramedic, needs to be ready for voluntary redundancies, forced redundancies - closures and cuts are the only way that the LNP can deliver on their election commitments."

The LNP's costings total \$2.3 billion in 2024/25 with total debt projections at \$124.6 billion in the same year and \$171.3 billion in 2027/28.

Labor's costings, also officially released on Thursday, show a \$3.2 billion deficit compared to the budget's \$2.6 billion with total debt at \$176 billion by 2027/28.

Labor has put the budget into deficit on cost-of-living initiatives, with a return to surplus forecast by both parties in 2026/27.

Under the LNP costings, almost \$1 billion will be saved in scrapping Labor's Pioneer-Burdekin pumped hydro project.

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Mr Janetzki was hammered with questions on proposed smaller pumped hydro alternatives, revealing negotiations were yet to begin

But he did commit to maintaining coal royalties over the next four years.

More than 1.2 million have cast their vote before Saturday's poll, with about 690,000 postal votes processed.

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Queensland Treasurer David Janetzki has stood by his debt forecast assessment after ratings agency S&P Global accused the government of exaggerating the state's position for political point-scoring.

The agency is yet to make a call on the state's credit rating following last month's [mid-year financial and economic review](#), which projected debt would balloon \$45.84bn to \$217.83bn by mid-2028.

Mr Janetzki accused the former Miles government of painting a "deceitful" picture of the state's finances before the October election. But S&P analyst Anthony Walker said the "eye-opening" figure was likely too high, with the agency still trying to establish the actual figure beyond the "political narrative". He believed the final debt figure would not rise above \$200bn.

"We now are going through the mid-year update to try and figure out what that document means and how much of that is real versus how much of that was political, and when we get an answer to that we'll update the rating," Mr Walker told the ABC.

"Those numbers were quite eye-opening when you saw them at a high level, significantly worse than anything we actually thought Queensland would deliver. If you look at the media release attached to that (MYFER), it was all about Labor's last budget deficits and lies, so we know there is a political narrative within that document. We think it (the \$217.83bn debt forecast) is too high. We don't think that Queensland will deliver that."

But Mr Janetzki said the MYFER showed the "true state of the books".

“Queenslanders have been left to pay a high price for a decade of Labor budget blowouts, expensive failures and chaos and crisis,” he said. “Improving the budget position is now our challenge and we are up for it.”

However, Labor Treasury spokeswoman Shannon Fentiman said the inflated figure had cost the state after the market responded to the projections with an immediate 0.1 per cent increase to interest.

“David Janetzki juiced up the budget figures and ratings agencies are calling him out,” she said. “This chaotic and undisciplined approach to the budget immediately increased Queensland’s interest payments by about \$5.2m this financial year.”

S&P Global Ratings is likely to wait until the June budget to make a call on whether it will downgrade Queensland’s AA+ credit rating.

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John Kehoe – lead economist at AFR on ABC's Steve Austin on 30 January 2025:

"It's possible there is some exaggeration and inflation, the regrettable thing is there's not a lot of detail itemized in the budget update to show where its exactly coming from. A lot of it is under broad headlines like there's a \$31.5bn increase in operating expenses, about \$23bn of which comes for an allowance for underfunded legacy issues and other adjustments. And then there's another \$3bn from the former government's unallocated savings, so it's a bit of mumbo jumbo."

"New governments love to come in and claim there's a big budget black hole and blame it on the last government..."

[When asked about the implications of a higher debt level] "There are a few possibilities Steve, one is that the state is going to be spending a lot more money potentially on interest costs, which means there's less money to spend on services and infrastructure. So its going to have to really face a choice of breaking some election promises, and either increasing taxes, cutting spending, or privatizing or leasing assets. Really they're the three choices they face. I don't think they can continue on the path that they're on, its not sustainable, it's going to be a very difficult period."

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The state government is facing a cascade of cost blowouts worth a staggering \$45bn across major infrastructure projects and services ahead of the

unveiling of its first budget, including a new \$638m health funding hole, it can be revealed.

Treasurer David Janetzki in his [January mid-year financial review](#) said \$23bn would be needed to address underfunding in health, education and child safety services and other growth funding for government departments.

The government has now revealed its latest budget blackhole – \$638m needed to open the new 186-bed [Mater Hospital in Springfield](#) under a public-private partnership.

The hospital, announced in May 2022 under then-Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk, was due to open in 2024, but is now likely to commence early March 2026.

In a media statement, Labor stated it would “fully fund the additional operational funding required for the new facility on an ongoing basis from its expected opening in 2024”.

Health Minister Tim Nicholls said the failure to budget for the more than 1000 staff and services required to run the hospital over the next four years was reminiscent of a “Yes Minister” moment.



\$638m is needed to open the new 186-bed Mater Hospital in Springfield under a public-private partnership. Picture: Annette Dew

"They (Labor) can't even remember to fund the operational requirements for a brand-new hospital," he said.

The latest blowout will join Mr Nicholls' \$12bn shortfall in Queensland Health programs and services which he says were left underfunded.

LNP ministers have declared \$45m worth of blowouts in their first seven months of government, which Mr Janetzki is now tasked with balancing his first budget against alongside \$23bn in department overruns and \$7.1bn in election commitments – without raising taxes or royalties, selling assets or cutting services and infrastructure, as promised.

Economist Saul Eslake questioned the validity of the \$23bn department services black hole, particularly in the absence of a pre-election treasury report.

Queensland is one of only two jurisdictions in Australia that does not require treasury to produce an independent fiscal outlook before an election to protect political interference from a new incoming government.

Mr Eslake said Mr Janetzki would need to consider cutting infrastructure spending or selling state assets.

"You could defer or cancel capex, particularly since you only have to project four years forward, and particularly for projects that haven't started," he said.

"You could say cut money on services, operating expenses by not hiring more staff or cutting staff, or you could raise additional taxes."

"Then there's assets, Palaszczuk did some privatisations, Beattie sold off Sun Retail."

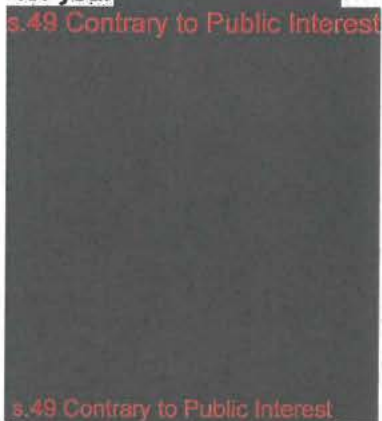
Mr Janetzki forecasts state deficits will exceed \$30bn over four years, with a \$9.2bn hole expected in both 2026-27 and 2027-28. Debt is projected to hit \$217.8bn, or more than \$39,000 per Queenslander, the highest rate in the country.



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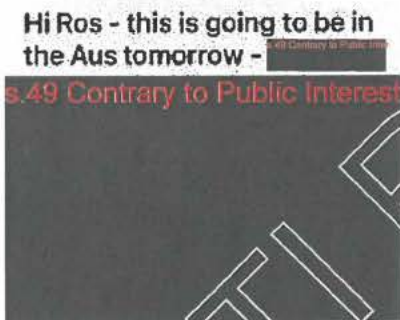


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5.52pm

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Dear Mr [REDACTED]

**Notice of deemed decision under section 46 of the *Right to Information Act 2009*
– Application reference: RTIP322**

I refer to our discussion on 20 June 2025 regarding your application and my request for an extension of the processing period under section 35 of the *Right to Information Act 2009* (Qld) (RTI Act).

Background

On 14 April 2025, you made an access application under the RTI Act to the Premier, the Honourable David Crisafulli MP.

On 21 May 2025, I requested an extension of the processing period of 20 business days under section 35 of the RTI Act. This meant the new due date for the application was 20 June 2025.

In our discussion on 20 June 2025, I explained I was seeking a further extension to the processing period. You sought clarification regarding why I was requesting the extension, and I explained to you that I had not received documents, nor enough information which would enable me to make a considered decision under the RTI Act. You confirmed that in the circumstances you were not willing to grant a further extension of time to process the application.

Deemed decision

Section 46(1)(a) of the RTI Act provides if the relevant decision-maker does not decide an access application by the end of the processing period, the Minister is taken to have made a decision refusing access to the documents (**deemed decision**).

As I was not able to make a decision on your application and notify you of the decision within the processing period (by the end of 20 June 2025), your application for access to documents has resulted in a deemed decision.

In accordance with section 46(1)(b) of the RTI Act, I am required to refund the application fee to you. I will arrange for this to occur as a matter of priority.

Review rights

program, \$6.2bn in August last year and upon taking government we discovered that Labor had concealed the blow out to \$9bn.

And now today, I can announce that the CopperString project scope did not include major network extensions required to connect mining and renewable energy projects – with Powerlink advising these additional connections are estimated to cost a further \$4.9bn.

That's a total project cost of nearly \$14bn.

A review of CopperString and how it may best be delivered is in its final stages. We will make sure this project is properly funded - and we are saving it.

Hydrogen

If I change hats for just a minute, as Treasurer, we have been left with \$218bn debt bomb, a credit rating outlook downgrade and a litany of deceitfully costed and scoped capex projects and unfunded service delivery commitments across the length and breadth of government.

We have made decisions, including not progressing Pioneer-Burdekin, pausing BPIC, and most recently, not providing substantially more than \$1bn in equity and grant funding requested for the Central Queensland hydrogen project – not to mention that substantially more capital investment would be required by

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Based on this new information, I can announce today that we have decided to leverage the infrastructure expertise of the Queensland Investment Corporation (QIC) to work with Powerlink to deliver CopperString.

QIC's global experience and its ability to attract private sector investment, coupled with Powerlink's transmission expertise will mean the project will not only be saved but will deliver value for Queenslanders.

QIC's work starts today. It will not only oversee the prioritisation of work on the Eastern Link but begin a full analysis of options to deliver the best economic value for the Western Link.

Documents tabled at hearing 30 July 2025

1. RTI release document from Queensland Treasury, undated, tabled by Ms Bisma Asif MP, Member for Sandgate
2. ASIC company search extract, dated 1 July 2025, tabled by Ms Bisma Asif MP, Member for Sandgate
3. Photograph of Callide C3, undated, tabled by Ms Bisma Asif MP, Member for Sandgate
4. Media statement from Hon Ros Bates MP, Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, titled Queensland returns to Hong Kong trade stage, dated 15 May 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
5. Extract from Hansard, dated 21 May 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
6. The Courier Mail article, titled Opinion: Theatre of politics costs Central Qld wind farm, dated 30 June 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
7. Email from Hon Amanda Stoker MP, Member for Oodgeroo, dated 11 February 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
8. The Courier Mail article, titled Donors and LNP mates on board, dated 24 May 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
9. Email from Back to Work Team at TAFE Queensland, dated 1 July 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft
10. Correspondence from Hon Ros Bates MP, Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, dated 2 July 2025, tabled by Mr Chris Whiting MP, Member for Bancroft

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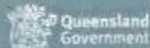
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Hi Michael,

As you requested, we are providing the physical folder to you the day before our weekly Treasury update meeting. DLO will take them upstairs shortly.

You also requested one folder for the Minister and one folder for yourself. In your folder only we thought we would provide you a list of the correspondence that is currently sitting in your Office. This is really just for your information, and allows you to ask us to reprint items that have been misplaced or whatever.

I've attached the digital version of the folder for you here (just note that this is the digital version of your folder with the correspondence list).

Some meetings have been cancelled at your request over the next few weeks due to the heavy CERC calendar, we'll keep providing the folders regardless.

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No one was in the area at the time of the event and the affected area remains off-limits as a precautionary measure.

CS Energy has notified Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, and will also conduct our own investigation into this incident.

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Hi Michael,

As you requested, we are providing the physical folder to you the day before our weekly Treasury update meeting. DLO will take them upstairs shortly.

You also requested one folder for the Minister and one folder for yourself. In your folder only we thought we would provide you a list of the correspondence that is currently sitting in your Office. This is really just for your information, and allows you to ask us to reprint items that have been misplaced or whatever.

I've attached the digital version of the folder for you here (just note that this is the digital version of your folder with the correspondence list).

Some meetings have been cancelled at your request over the next few weeks due to the heavy CERC calendar, we'll keep providing the folders regardless.

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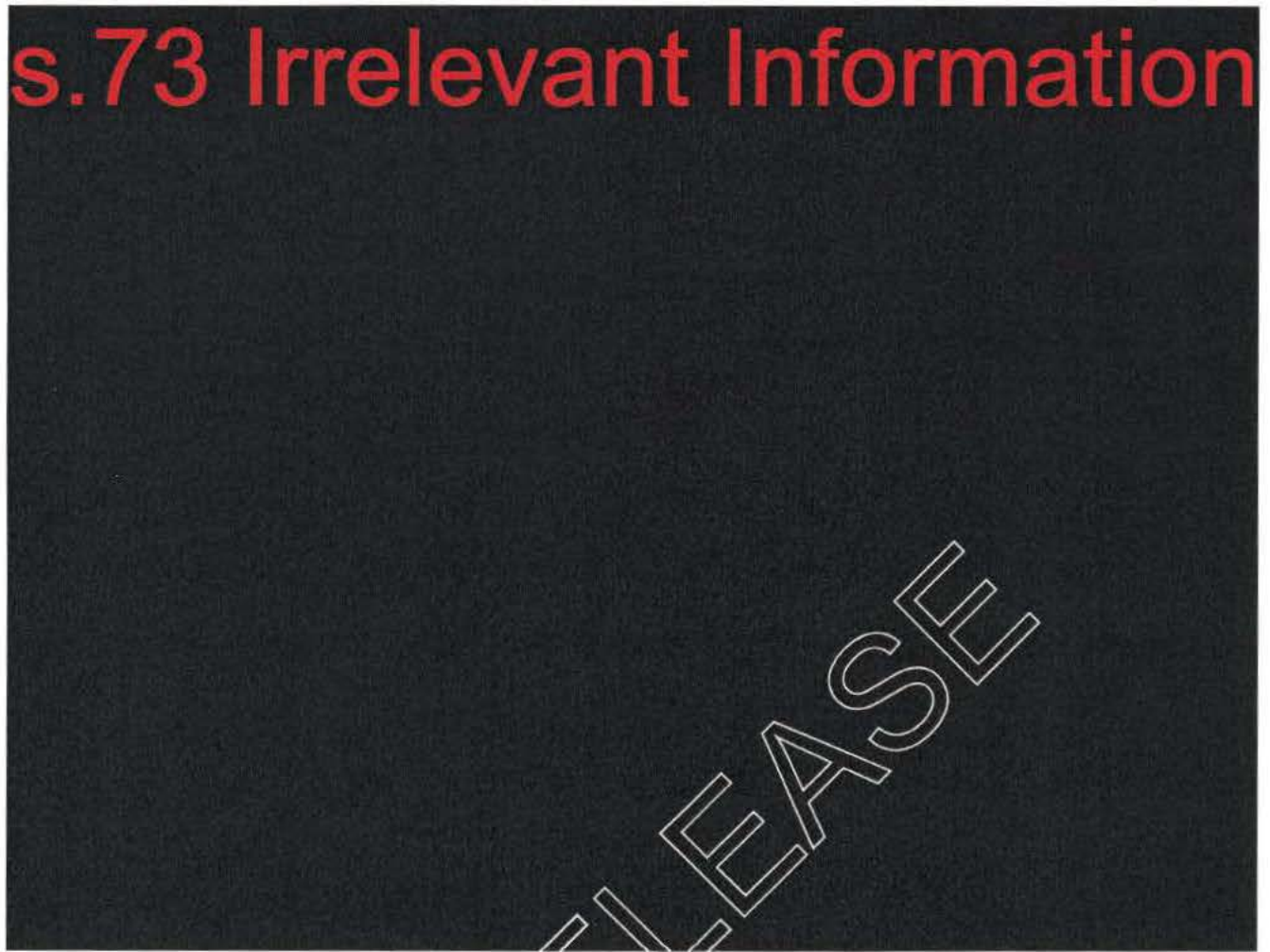
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Media holding statement – 4 April 2025

Callide Unit C3 offline for repairs

Unit C3 at Callide Power Station is currently offline for repairs following an incident on the unit earlier today.

At 4.30am, a scheduled cycle of load reduction was being carried out on Unit C3 to remove coal clinker. This resulted in a release of gas from the furnace in the boiler house, causing damage to cladding and lagging in the area.

No one was in the area at the time of the event and the affected area remains off-limits as a precautionary measure.

CS Energy has notified Workplace Health and Safety Queensland, and will also conduct our own investigation into this incident.

We are assessing the repairs required to safely return the unit to service and will advise the market of any changes in the unit's forecast return to service date once we have more information.

Callide Power Station's other three generating units, as well as Kogan Creek Power Station, are all online and available to support Queensland's energy needs.

Background

Callide Power Station is comprised of two power plants, Callide B and C, each with two generating units (B1 and B2, C3 and C4).

Callide B has a capacity of 700 megawatts (MW) and is 100 per cent owned by CS Energy.

Callide C has a capacity of 848 MW. CS Energy (through our subsidiary Callide Energy Pty Ltd) owns Callide C in a 50/50 joint venture (JV) with IG Power. CS Energy operates Callide C on behalf of the JV.

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About CS Energy

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CS Energy owns the Kogan Creek and Callide B power stations, the Kogan Creek Mine and the Chinchilla and Greenbank batteries. We have a 50 per cent interest in the Callide C Power Station and we hold the trading rights for the Gladstone Power Station, in excess of the requirements of the Boyne Island aluminium smelter.

Our renewable energy interests include an offtake portfolio of almost 300 megawatts and two wind farms under construction in Central Queensland – the Boulder Creek Wind Farm (50/50 joint venture with Aul Energy) and the Lotus Creek Wind Farm.

In South East Queensland, we have a retail joint venture with Alinta Energy to supply electricity to residential and small commercial customers in the Energex Distribution Area.

CS Energy employs more than 700 people who live and work in the communities where we operate.

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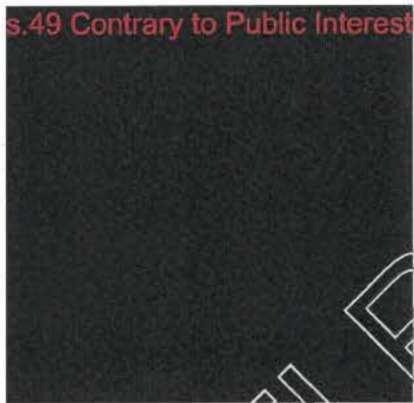
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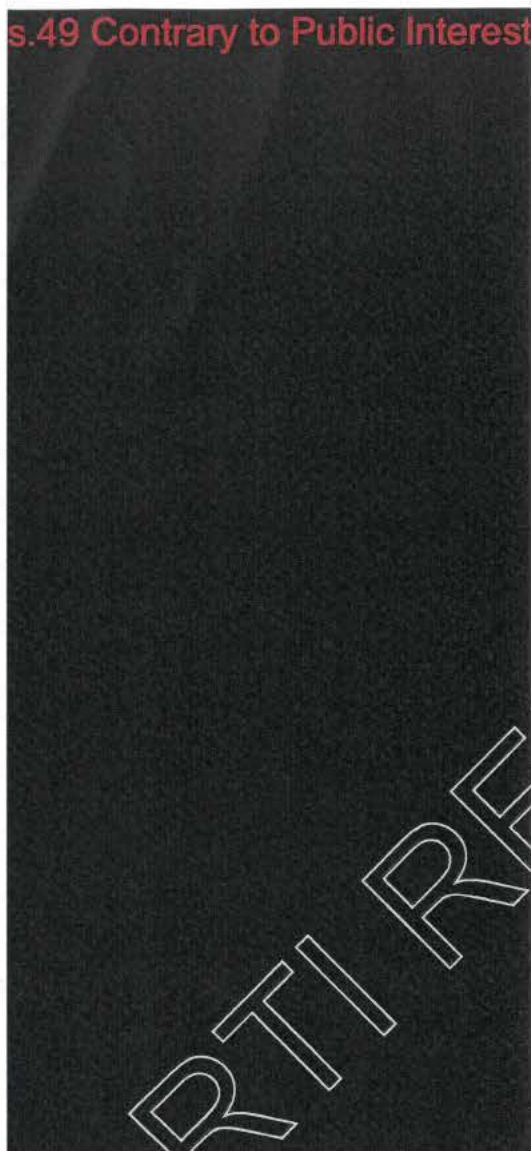
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Fri, 4 Apr at 6:53 pm

Hi Michael, I understand Kellie has been updating you in relation to Callide unit c3. If there is anything additional you need please feel free to give me a call. Bec

Fri, 4 Apr at 8:22 pm

Hey Bec,
Thanks for reaching out - appreciate it! If there is anything, will get in touch. Thank you

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**Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training**
The Honourable Ros BatesTabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP
At: 10:17am
Time/date: 30 July 2025
Signature: [Signature]**MEDIA STATEMENT: Queensland returns to Hong Kong trade stage****Queensland returns to Hong Kong trade stage**

- **Taste of Queensland Pavilion opens at one of the world's largest food and beverage trade expos, HOFEX 2025.**
- **Showcases 16 Queensland businesses to one of the world's largest markets.**
- **Queensland food and beverage exports to China total \$1.7 billion a year.**

The Crisafulli Government is delivering for Queensland businesses, with a renewed focus on renewing relationships with key trade partners and showcasing businesses on the world stage.

Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training Ros Bates officially opened the Taste of Queensland Pavilion at HOFEX 2025 in Hong Kong today, the first Queensland presence at the global trade show in five years.

Queensland's 16 exhibitors include beef and honey producers to artisan smallgoods and organic spirits, from both South East and regional Queensland.

HOFEX 2025 is one of the world's biggest trade fairs, attracting more than 1,200 exhibitors from 27 countries and over 30,000 buyers expected to attend.

The trade fair is one of the events of a week-long trade mission to China, which includes 17 strategic meetings with key stakeholders in trade, investment, and education in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

Minister Bates said the mission built on the recently released Queensland-China Trade and Investment Strategy 2025, which outlines key growth opportunities across Queensland's strengths in agribusiness, food and beverage, and advanced manufacturing.

"This trade mission, and this event in particular is about putting Queensland producers back in front of international buyers - and showing the world that Queensland is open for business," Minister Bates said.

"The Crisafulli LNP Government is restoring our trade relationships after a decade of Labor neglect - and we're doing it by backing our exporters especially in the regions."

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- Queensland's top export values to Hong Kong for the year ending March 2025 included:
- Beef - \$79.1 million
- Fruits and nuts - \$30.7 million
- Meat (excluding beef) - \$18.7 million.
- As of March 2025, China ranked as Queensland's fourth-largest beef export market by value, with exports exceeding \$750 million.

2025 HOFEX LIST

Company Name	Products	Region
Australian Vinegar	Balsamic vinegar products	Stanthorpe
Beachtree Distilling Co.	Organic gin, Liqueurs, whiskey	Sunshine Coast
Diego's Authentic Food	Tortillas + wraps	Gold Coast

Elbow Valley Beef	Wagyu beef	Stanthorpe
Gotzinger Smallgoods	Deli smallgoods	Ormeau
Hampson Honey	Raw honey products	Brisbane
King International	Soy based yoghurt + cheese	Brisbane
Majans	Plant based snack mixes	Brisbane
Morlife	Functional Foods, Snack Foods, Health Foods	Gold Coast
Nutworks	Macadamias Bulk and flavoured nuts	Sunshine Coast
Plenty Foods	Cold pressed nut oils + peanut butter	Kingaroy
Queensland Food Corp (QFC)	Seafood (Prawns) from Sunshine Coast	Sunshine Coast
Thrive Australasia	Milk power for children and seniors	Sunshine Coast
Wholesome Blends	Puree food blends for tube feeding consumers	Brisbane
The Flour Shop Bakery	Frozen bakery products	Brisbane

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infrastructure that aligns with the expectations of local communities. The government, meanwhile, is delivering on our Securing our Housing Foundations plan which will ensure every Queenslanders has a roof over their head, and we will deliver one million new homes by 2044.

Finally, I am excited to advise the House that this Friday, 23 May, applications for the landmark \$2 billion Residential Activation Fund will close. The first \$500 million round will be allocated from 1 July following the Treasurer's first budget in June. As you know, the RAF is open to landowners, local governments and the community housing sector and will fund essential trunk infrastructure to unlock housing across the state with at least a billion dollars of that being spent in regional Queensland over the next four years. We know that housing pressure is not a problem just in the South East but extends to rural and regional Queensland. That is why I have been so pleased to visit so many regional and rural towns in Queensland and meet with regional councils to understand how we can partner to unlock housing for their residents. The government looks forward to receiving all of the remaining applications for round 1 before Friday and fast-tracking development of new housing for all Queenslanders, no matter where you want to live.

Budget

 **Hon. DC JANETZKI** (Toowoomba South—LNP) (Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership) (2.17 pm): We are continuing work on the Crisafulli government's first budget. It is an important step in the journey of restoring respect for taxpayers' money and returning a mature discussion as to how the budget works for Queenslanders, noting that the budget papers will never be used as an advertising gimmick. We are maintaining and growing services, much of which were left unfunded by the former Labor government, particularly in health and child safety.

For too long productivity has been ignored in Queensland. We will drive a culture of productivity through our re-established Productivity Commission and end Labor's culture of poorly scoped and mismanaged capital projects.


As Labor's last budget update revealed, Queensland's debt is forecast to reach \$218 billion in 2027-28 with the highest debt per capita in the nation, even more than in Victoria. Even with that record debt, Labor left services unfunded and public servants facing an uncertain future. As Labor's last budget update revealed, glossy brochures and media announcements do not fund the service delivery Queenslanders deserve. It will take time, but we will repair Labor's fiscal vandalism.

We are committed to maintaining and improving funding to support service delivery, guaranteeing employment security across the Public Service, and delivering on our election commitments. There will be many fake scare campaigns run by the opposition in the next month and beyond, but we will not be distracted by their untruths and misrepresentations. The challenge facing Queensland is too great, and the damage left by Labor too vast, to be distracted from what must be done.

Today I have written to the federal treasurer asking that the re-elected Albanese government reconsider our government's request to remedy the injustice of the Commonwealth Grants Commission, which saw fit to take \$2.4 billion—and more than \$5 billion across the forwards—from Queensland to prop up the poorly performing state governments of NSW and Victoria.

I again call on the federal Treasurer to confirm that he will quarantine the \$7.2 billion Bruce Highway payments from GST calculations. If the federal Treasurer fails to do so, a further \$3 billion will be lost to the Queensland people. Unlike those opposite, who went silent on 50-50 health funding as soon as the politics did not suit them and have been cowardly in their silence in fighting for Queensland's fair share of the GST, we will never relent in advocating for Queensland's fair share—regardless of the colour of the government in Canberra. Labor have left a mess. We have been clear as to the challenge that faces us and the budget, but we are up to the challenge.

Trade Mission, China and Hong Kong

 **Hon. RM BATES** (Mudgeeraba—LNP) (Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training) (2.20 pm): I rise to inform the House of the Crisafulli LNP government's successful trade mission to China and Hong Kong last week that has resulted in millions of dollars of new export deals for Queensland. With China accounting for more than \$43 billion in two-way trade, our trade relationship plays a crucial role in creating jobs in Queensland. I was pleased to reassure key stakeholders that Queensland now provides a stable investment environment underpinned by certainty and growth. Unlike Labor, who flailed about on the international trade landscape and failed to produce real, tangible outcomes for Queensland, the Crisafulli LNP government is securing trade relationships and producing solid trade outcomes.

I was pleased to share with trusted partners in Shanghai, Hong Kong and Shenzhen how well Queensland is navigating the current erratic trade environment. For example, after the US stopped exporting beef to China as trade tensions escalated, Queensland's beef exporters were able to step up and fill the void because China knows we are open for business. From February to May alone, there was a 36 per cent surge in Australian grain-fed beef exports to China—the bulk from Queensland. I also conducted breakthrough discussions in Shenzhen with the world's biggest gaming and movie tech company, Tencent, which is looking to expand its operations. At a time where there is uncertainty in the movie production arena, the Crisafulli LNP government is pivoting in a show of support for Queensland's movie industry. Instead of throwing popcorn from the cheap seats, like the member for McConnel, we are focused on blockbuster trade deals.

Ms Grace interjected.

Ms BATES: Bring it on, Grace! During the mission I formally opened a new Trade and Investment Queensland office in Shenzhen, further cementing Queensland's presence in the fast developing Greater Bay Area. I am pleased to report that during my mission deals were signed in Shanghai featuring Queensland company Cangoee Power, which is partnering with Arctech as part of a \$3 million joint venture to roll out battery storage projects—a real breakthrough for creating local jobs.


Before the trade mission, I released the *Queensland-China Trade and Investment Strategy 2025*, which was very well received amongst the key stakeholders we met during the trade mission. It is clear that Queensland is rebuilding credibility amongst our key trade partners under the Crisafulli LNP government. There is no doubt that we are getting the message to critical investors that Queensland is open for business. Hong Kong's respected English language newspaper, the *South China Morning Post*, featured an article on my mission and our objectives—a first in recent times for a visiting Queensland trade minister. Trade and Investment Queensland reports that the total media coverage to date relating to my China trade mission is some 42 million readers.

Honourable members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Once again, there is too much chatter in the chamber. I can start doing the warning list early, if you like. Silence in the chamber!

Ms BATES: I also attended Hong Kong's Hofex 2025, one of Asia's largest food, beverage and hospitality trade shows. I was accompanied by 15 Queensland companies, nine of which are from regional Queensland. Queensland has already generated 191 new leads and a pipeline for export outcomes valued at nearly \$4 million for the 15 participating companies at Hofex, with more expected over the coming weeks and months. I was ably assisted by TIQ's CEO and TIQ's Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner for the Greater China region, Rhett Miller, who has already started following up on the leads generated during our mission and will continue to do so to strengthen Queensland's relationship with this important market. Real outcomes for Queensland and our regional food suppliers have been delivered by the Crisafulli LNP government—unlike Labor, who could only deliver a wet lettuce when it came to trade.

Nurses and Midwives, Wages and Conditions

 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (2.25 pm): This month we celebrated both the International Day of the Midwife and International Nurses Day. I want to thank our 56,000 hardworking nurses and midwives across the state whose dedication to the health and wellbeing of Queenslanders is the foundation of our healthcare system. Our government is committed to supporting our valued nursing and midwifery workforce. This includes paying them; this includes making Queensland Health an employer of choice.

Mr Crisafulli: That would be a good start!

Mr NICHOLLS: I take that interjection from the Premier. Queensland already has the best wages and conditions for nurses and midwives in Australia. In fact, many other jurisdictions are only just starting to catch up. I am pleased to advise the House that earlier this month Queensland Health presented a comprehensive offer to the QNMU and the AWU for a new certified agreement for our nurses and midwives.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations to QNMU Secretary Sarah Beaman on her recent re-election and to Simon Mitchell who has been elected President. I also acknowledge Sally-Anne Jones who stepped down from the presidency after holding that position since 2009, and whom I had the good fortune to speak with at the nurses Anzac Day service that I attended in town just prior to Anzac Day. I thank them for the constructive working relationship that we have maintained. They understand the role and the needs of our health service.

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP

At: 10.15 am

Date: 30 July 2025

Signature: E.G. L.

Opinion: Theatre of politics costs Central Qld wind farm

The scrapping of a massive Queensland wind farm project has shows the collateral damage of politics over project merit, writes Tracey Richards.

Tracey Richards

June 30, 2025 - 12:00AM

We have been farming our land, 40km west of Rockhampton, for five generations. We have grazed cattle for most of our lives. Our farm is a place of deep emotional connection and belonging for my family.

At the end of last year we were told that the Moonlight Range Wind Farm project, which we were to host turbines on our land, had received development approval from the state government.

Last month, that decision was reversed by Deputy Premier and Planning Minister Jarrod Bleijie.

As local landowners we feel we have been the collateral damage of politics over project merit. We are not a family of intergenerational wealth, we are a working-class family.

Making a living off this land is becoming increasingly volatile.

Cattle prices are highly variable depending on a range of factors – water, feed, international markets, disease, consumer patterns and market conditions.

This is combined with increasing input costs – fencing, feed, vaccinations, vet fees, transport costs, fuel, machinery.

While much of that volatility has been present for years, the tempo has increased significantly.

It wasn't an easy decision to agree to become wind turbine hosts. We took a great deal of time weighing the advantages and disadvantages.

While we have learnt to live with the volatility of farming, the Moonlight Range Wind Farm project would have ensured that when volatility hits we have the capacity to rebuild, restock and repair from the steady income of hosting the wind turbines.

One of the reasons we chose this project was its limited impact on others in our district.

There are no homes in proximity to the proposed project site, in fact the site has strong support from the majority of our neighbours so we felt comforted by the fact that we had all made similar assessments.

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP

A.t: 10.50am

Date: 30 July 2025

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We had been approached by many other companies looking to install wind turbines, but Greenleaf had the best program and structures in place that demonstrated a genuine care for the environment and respect for the landowner partners.

We decided to work with them 2.5 years ago.

It is perhaps one of my greatest frustrations that no one actually approached the landholders to see what had been finalised regarding native vegetation removal.

Greenleaf worked closely with all the landholders to minimise the amount of native vegetation required for the turbines.

We chose barren ridge tops with limited vegetation where possible and actively refined the project to avoid the removal of native flora.

This collaborative, place-sensitive approach was fundamental to building a project that we could support.

The cancellation of a billion-dollar renewable energy project sends ripples far beyond our farm.

At its core, it represents a loss of momentum in Queensland's energy transition.

Projects of this scale are not just about turbines, they're about jobs, supply chains, regional investment, energy security and international competitiveness.

The decision to cancel this project sends a clear message that doing business in Queensland is hard, uncertain and volatile.

These are not messages that create a vibrant regional economy.

It saddens me deeply that the theatre of politics appears to carry more weight than the values we hold dear: those of quiet strength, mutual respect and measured conversations.

We shouldn't have to shout to be heard.

Tracey Richards is a Central Queensland grazier

Amanda Stoker

From: Amanda Stoker
Sent: Tuesday, 11 February 2025 10:22 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: CV - Feb 25.docx

Hi [REDACTED]

I enclose the CV of [REDACTED] who is a very capable professional with board level experience. He's a former Managing Partner of Allens and has served on a number of not-for-profit boards too. I think he would bring an eye to better financial performance, governance and transparency to a board level role. In particular, where we want to see the assets of an entity working harder, he is well placed to drive that emphasis.

He came to mind for TAFE Queensland, but his skills are transferable.

Happy to discuss.

Regards
Amanda

The Hon. Amanda Stoker MP
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Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP
At: 11:30 am
Date: 30 July 2025
Signature: E.g. L.

Donors and LNP mates on board

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Donors and LNP mates on board

Bates' picks slammed as politically motivated

Mikaela Mulveney

Nearly half of the members picked by Employment and Training Minister Ros Bates for a revamped TAFE Queensland board have LNP links.

The appointments build on a growing list of more than a dozen people with links to the party or previous relationships with ministers now appointed by the government in the seven months since the election.

On Friday, Ms Bates announced seven new TAFE board members, three of whom – including the new chair – boast strong party connections.

Vivian Grayson, an LNP member and former chief financial officer of a property de-

velopment company, has been chosen as the new chair and is understood to have worked on several campaigns, even gaining mentions in both Housing Minister Sam O'Connor and federal MP Angie Bell's maiden speeches.

Christopher Lehmann was an LNP candidate for the seat of Ferny Grove in 2020, while corporate and strategic adviser Andrew Knox is a party donor, according to electoral records.

It comes after the controversial appointment of senior bureaucrat John Sosso caused outcry from the Labor opposition and eminent corruption fighter Tony Fitzgerald.

Deputy Premier Jarrod Bleijie also named Julian Sim-

monds, the defeated LNP MP for Ryan, as the new head of Economic Development Queensland.

In a letter seen by The Cour-

ier-Mail, former board members were only notified of their removal by Ms Bates 24 hours before the announcement.

"As the Queensland Government's strategic needs evolve, it is necessary for the board to be responsive and adaptive to ensure Queensland's vocational education and training sector remains well positioned for the future," Ms Bates wrote.

A sacked member claimed Ms Bates had not met with the board since becoming minister in October, despite several attempts to organise a meeting.

It is understood members were not warned of the changes and had even travelled to Cairns for a board meeting on Tuesday.

Ms Bates was asked if she thought it was ethical to appoint members with LNP links to the board and if she had met with the previous board since October, but did not address the questions.

Two of the members from the previous board – Professor Jody Currie and Nicole Brigg – will continue in their current positions.

Opposition Training spokesman Michael Healy slammed the board picks as politically motivated.

"It appears the primary qualification to get a gig from the LNP is either being a candidate, donor or close mate," he said.



Ros Bates

Tabled by: Mr Chris Whiting MP
At: 11:34 am
Date: 30 July 2015
Signature: E.G.L.

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Subject: FW: Back to Work TAFE Queensland Jobseeker Support Program Ceased 30 June 2025

BACK TO WORK
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Date: 1 July 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

Important: Back to Work TAFE Queensland Jobseeker Support Program Ceased 30 June 2025

It is with a heavy heart that we confirm the Back to Work program ceased for TAFE Queensland jobseekers on 30 June 2025.

We realise that some electorate offices have been directing requests through to us from jobseekers in need of support in their electorate. Unfortunately, we will no longer be able to receive those requests.

Since 2016, we have been incredibly proud to support more than 86,500 Queenslanders on their journey back into the workforce. The impact we have achieved together with our jobseekers and program stakeholders has been truly inspiring. We feel privileged to have been part of such a meaningful initiative and are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with every one of our stakeholders along the way.

As we transition, please find below some helpful resources for you and those in your electorate:

- Jobseekers can continue to access **Back to Work's Free Micro-credentials for Employability** here: [TAFE Queensland Employability Skills](#)
- The latest State-Government funded training initiatives can be found here: <https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training/employers/funding>
- The Employment Pathways Team at the Department of Employment, Trade and Training (DTET) can be contacted here: backtowork@desbt.qld.gov.au
- Jobseekers needing support in their transition to employment should contact the **Department of Human Services**: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/work>
- Those experiencing severe financial hardship may be eligible for the **Salvation Army's interest-free loan program**: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/no-interest-loan-scheme/>

The Back to Work TAFE Queensland mailbox will be monitored until 31 July 2025.

Thank you for your dedication to Queenslanders in Cairns, we wish you all the best moving forward.

Kind regards

Back to Work Team

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Dear [REDACTED]

We are pleased to announce from 1 July, the Queensland Government Back to Work Jobseeker Support Program, is being administered directly by the Department of Trade, Employment and Training.

In line with Skilling Queenslanders for Work and supporting apprentices, trainees and their employers, the program will be administered through regional officers, providing localised support for jobseekers in their communities. This program is focused on growing skills and employment, by drawing on local expertise and empowering passionate employers, something we're proud to deliver regionally.

As part of the transfer of the program to the Department, the contact details for referrals have been updated. Referrals for the program can be made via backtowork@desbt.qld.gov.au, which can assist you with any program enquiries you may have.

The Queensland Government is pleased to continue to deliver this important program and has locked in \$20 million to continue this program in the coming year – supporting more Queenslanders back into work.

If you require additional information or would like to discuss this matter further, I invite you to contact my Director-General, Peter McKay on directorgeneral@desbt.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



Ros Bates MP
Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training

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At: 12-07pm
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Signature: E. G. L.