Governance, Energy and Finance Committee

Estimates Question on Notice
Asked on 13 July 2026

Question No. 1

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer outline how the Government is responding to the Australian Energy Market Operator's 2026 Integrated System Plan, including how it is ensuring Queensland's energy investments support affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity while providing certainty for industry and consumers?

ANSWER:

On 25 June 2026, the Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO) released its 2026 Integrated System Plan (ISP) which, according to AEMO, outlines an optimal path for generation, storage and network investments in the National Electricity Market (NEM) to meet both consumer needs and government policies, at least cost, to 2050.

Its release only confirmed why the Crisafulli Government's Energy Roadmap is the envy of every other state.

Unlike federal and other state policies, the Roadmap is credible and deliverable—founded on economics and engineering, and grounded in the realities of consumer needs, infrastructure costs and deliverability timeframes.

The AEMO has been forced to hard-wire in the Federal Government's unachievable 82% renewable energy target by 2030—hinging on unrealistic assumptions about renewable build rates and project delivery.

In contrast, the Crisafulli Government is delivering a pragmatic plan that improves the energy assets we have today, while we build what is needed for the future.

Central to the Energy Roadmap are the Government's commitments to leverage existing assets to put downward pressure on prices, optimise investments to respect taxpayer funds and boost private sector investment in new assets to ease pressure on the State's balance sheet.

By making the right choices now, the Government is preventing the average Queensland household paying $1,035 a year extra in energy costs — helping to support family budgets.

Furthermore, we are seeing real results from our plan, with retail electricity prices are set to fall between 7 and 10% for typical households and between 8 and 14% for typical small businesses across Queensland in 2026-27.

State-owned coal assets will continue operating for as long as needed in Queensland's electricity system and supported by the market.

The $1.8 billion Electricity Maintenance Guarantee is fundamental to the ongoing safe, reliable and efficient operation of state-owned coal, hydro and gas assets.

Into the future, Queensland will continue to need coal generation, more wind and solar and additional dispatchable supply including gas turbines, pumped hydro and batteries for firming and storage. The energy system also needs to ensure a resilient transmission network to drive economic growth, which is why the Crisafulli Government is delivering CopperString in North and North West Queensland and the Gladstone Project in Central Queensland.

It is noteworthy the ISP also puts CopperString and the Gladstone Project on the map—two critical infrastructure investments to support Queensland's largest industrial loads and economic growth. These are nation building projects that deserve federal funding and we continue to call on the Commonwealth to invest in these important projects.

The Roadmap also makes clear the role for private sector investment to deliver the new infrastructure needs of Queensland's energy system. Queensland is open for business, and the Crisafulli Government is providing investor certainty and stability.

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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 update the Committee on the latest Australian Energy Regulator electricity hardship data, including how Queensland compares with other National Electricity Market jurisdictions and the actions the Government is taking to support vulnerable households and help put downward pressure on electricity costs for Queenslanders?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is doing its bit supporting Queenslanders in the national affordability crisis with the 2026-27 Budget delivering on a record ongoing cost of living relief package of $9.3 billion.

The Energy Roadmap is also delivering lower power prices for Queenslanders. The Crisafulli Government is delivering on its plan for affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders. That's why the 2026-27 Budget invests $5.2 billion to deliver the Energy Roadmap, including more than $520 million through the Electricity Maintenance Guarantee across the state's generation portfolio.

In 2026-27, retail electricity prices are set to fall between 7 and 10% for typical households and between 8 and 14% for typical small businesses across Queensland.

These are some of the largest decreases in a decade and the Crisafulli Government has called on retailers in South East Queensland (SEQ) to pass on savings in full to customers, following the Government's lead in directing Ergon to do the same for regional Queenslanders.

This is in stark contrast to outcomes under the previous government. In the first year after the former Labor Government released its *Energy and Jobs Plan*, regional families were hit with jumps of 29 per cent.

The Australian Energy Regulator (AER) publishes quarterly data on key performance indicators for electricity and gas retail markets across jurisdictions covered by the National Energy Customer Framework. This includes Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, and the Australian Capital Territory.

The latest quarterly data for March 2026 shows hardship customer numbers are being impacted by national cost of living pressures, as evidenced across all states.

While the number of hardship customers in Queensland and other jurisdictions has increased over the last 12 months, as reported by the AER, Queensland's percentage remains below the national average of 2.13%.

That's even after accounting for Queensland's lower hardship customer numbers in March 2025 compared to March 2026 driven by a one-off, unfunded $1,000 rebate program that temporarily reduced customer debt at a cost of $2.2 billion to the Budget.

While the average energy debt of Queenslanders has increased by 18% in the March 2026 quarter, this is much lower than other states, including South Australia at 57%, New South Wales at 51%, and Tasmania at 27%.

The average debt of Queensland customers entering hardship was also lower in the March 2026 compared to the previous quarter, and the number of customers repaying their energy debt remained stable.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to supporting Queenslanders in need, and focused on structural reductions in bills to ease cost-of-living pressures for all.

In 2025-26, the Government provided over $281 million in direct financial assistance through concessions and rebates to more than 640,000 small electricity and natural gas customers. This support is budgeted to grow to over $300 million in 2026-27, including for energy rebates and concessions for eligible customers to access annual bill relief, support for financial hardship, medical and life support assistance, emergency payments and drought support for farmers.

In 2026-27, we've continued indexation of the Electricity Rebate Scheme, which was frozen under the previous government, and it will provide vulnerable Queensland households with a $399 rebate on their power bills. We will also continue to fund the Home Energy Emergency Assistance Scheme which provides up to $720 every two years as a one-off payment to assist eligible households experiencing short-term financial crisis.

The 2026-27 Budget also continues the Community Service Obligation to ensure all customers across Queensland, no matter where they live, pay a similar price for electricity, with $734.7 million allocated in 2026-27.

Customers are encouraged to view all available concessions on the Queensland Government concessions website.

While cost-of-living pressures continue to affect households across Australia, the Crisafulli Government is delivering both immediate relief and longer-term structural reductions in power bills.

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Question No. 3

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise how the Government is applying disciplined investment decision-making to pumped hydro and other major energy projects to ensure Queenslanders are not left carrying the cost of unmanageable project blowouts?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy for Queenslanders, applying disciplined investment decision-making to pumped hydro and other major energy projects across the state.

As outlined in the Queensland Energy Roadmap, pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) are major, complex projects demanding disciplined evaluation, design, and execution. At any scale, these are multibillion-dollar, multi-generational projects, and the government is taking a calm and methodical approach to investment decisions while respecting taxpayer money.

PHES projects are also unique—costs and development risks change for each investment, unlike technologies such as large-scale batteries and gas-fired generation.

Given project delivery complexity, work is continuing on potential PHES projects to retain optionality towards final investment decisions, ensure value-for-money, and optimise energy system requirements.

In 2025, the government tasked QIC to lead future investigation and investment partnerships with the private sector on all prospective smaller, more manageable PHES projects for the government and GOCs. In addition to the ongoing review of Borumba PHES, this included the transfer of responsibility for assessment of the Mt Rawdon, Big T, and Capricornia PHES including project delivery through to any potential final investment decisions.

This approach ensures potential PHES investments can be assessed consistently against a clear value framework, considering deliverability, system-wide needs and value for money, while allowing energy GOCs to focus on core business.

As outlined in the 2026-27 Budget, Queensland Hydro will invest $324 million in early works and progress Borumba Pumped Hydro Energy Storage as part of a joint energy and water security project, subject to ongoing assessment through the QIC Review and EPBC approvals.

We are delivering our commitment to progress smaller, more manageable pumped hydro projects. QIC is leading the continued investigation of smaller, more manageable pumped hydro projects and private sector engagement on behalf of the State.

Following the first stage of the review, QIC is progressing further investigations in relation to the Capricornia Pumped Hydro project.

These actions demonstrate the government is applying disciplined investment decision-making to pumped hydro, avoiding mistakes like the Pioneer-Burdekin PHES which was stopped because of cost, viability, and deliverability—noting in reality it would have taken much longer and cost a lot more than the previous government expected.

Pioneer-Burdekin PHES was the centrepiece of the former Labor Government's energy plan before Queenslanders discovered the estimated cost had blown out to at least $36.8 billion. Having respect for taxpayer money, the Crisafulli Government is utilising QIC to ensure this doesn't happen again on any project.

The Crisafulli Government has also saved CopperString, another major energy project which rose from an estimated cost of $1.8 billion to $13.9 billion under the previous government.

QIC is delivering the Eastern Link of CopperString with major construction commencing by 2028 and commercial operations by 2032 (subject to approvals).

QIC is also beginning work to deliver the Western Link through the $200 million North West Energy Fund.

By applying disciplined investment decision-making to CopperString, the government will catalyse new generation and storage investment in North and North West Queensland to help meet future demand in the region and across the State.

Without the discipline of the Crisafulli Government to these generational projects, Queenslanders would have been left carrying the cost of unmanageable project blowouts for generations to come.

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Question No. 4

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer update the Committee on the Government's work to protect Queenslanders from fuel supply disruptions and price volatility, including advocacy for stronger national coordination and transparency?

ANSWER:

Queensland, like the rest of Australia, experienced significant pressure on fuel supply chains earlier this year following escalating conflict in the Middle East and disruption to key international shipping routes.

Since the beginning of the conflict, the Crisafulli Government called for a coordinated national response to the fuel crisis, urging the Federal Government to establish a public fuel monitoring dashboard for supply levels and to fast-track domestic oil projects to strengthen Australia's sovereign capability.

Queensland was the first state to raise concern when the conflict began, and wrote directly to the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy and the ACCC calling for immediate action.

Furthermore, the Premier has actively engaged in National Cabinet which endorsed a National Fuel Security Plan that sets out a coordinated government response across the Commonwealth, states and territories.

The National Plan has four escalation levels and is currently at *Level 2: Keeping Australia Moving*. This reflects heightened supply risks but continued reliance on market-based measures and enhanced coordination to ensure fuel security.

Queensland also appointed the Cross-Border Commissioner as the State's representative on the National Fuel Supply Taskforce led by Anthea Harris.

While the Federal Government agreed to halve the fuel excise for an initial three-month period, Queensland also contributed an additional $70 million to fund a further 5.7 cents per litre reduction – bringing the total excise reduction to around 32 cents per litre.

Upon the Federal Government announcing an extension to the fuel excise reduction until 2 August, Queensland will again provide funding for the additional 5.7 cents per litre reduction during this period to support Queensland motorists during this national fuel crisis.

In addition to the national response, the Crisafulli Government developed the Fuel Security Plan to strengthen fuel security through increased domestic production, refining capacity and storage. Initiatives include:

- Unlocking Queensland oil reserves with $19 million to fast-track approvals for the Taroom Trough, helping to improve fuel security and reduce reliance on imports.
- Increasing local fuel production and refining more fuel in Queensland, including investing $25 million to produce renewable diesel from local feedstocks at Ampol's Lytton refinery, under the Sovereign Industry Development Fund.
- Supporting fuel infrastructure through the Accelerating Fuel Infrastructure Program, including fast tracking BP's lease extension at the Bulwer Island facility in Brisbane, unlocking up to $100 million private investment in additional fuel storage.
- Permanently locking in 50 cent public transport fares, providing ongoing cost-of-living relief for Queenslanders.
- Advocating for improved national data transparency, including a published national dashboard with incoming fuel shipments to support planning and preparedness.

The Crisafulli Government continues to meet weekly with industry to monitor the situation, understand issues across the supply chain, and provide information to the National Taskforce.

Together, these measures are designed to provide immediate support, strengthen supply resilience, and deliver long-term fuel security for Queensland households, businesses and industries.

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Question No. 5

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer outline how the 2026-27 Budget responds to the Queensland Audit Office's findings on the Mental Health Levy and ensure Queenslanders can have confidence every dollar raised is invested in mental health, alcohol and other drug services?

ANSWER:

After a scathing independent report from Queensland's Auditor-General exposed the Mental Health Levy was mismanaged and was funnelled into non-mental health projects under the former Labor Government, the Crisafulli Government reaffirmed its commitment to redirect every cent of the Mental Health Levy into mental health, for the benefit of Queenslanders.

The Queensland Audit Office's *Managing Funding from the Mental Health Levy* report, found the former Labor Government did not establish effective governance arrangements when the now multibillion dollar levy was introduced in 2023, resulting in the ineffective management of Queensland taxpayer dollars. Key findings included:

- A lack of governance structures meant the former Labor Government didn't know whether the funds were even being used for mental health services.
- There was no assessment or evaluation of whether the funds were being used to maximum benefit for Queenslanders.
- There was no coordinated approach to manage the Levy under the former Government.

The Crisafulli Government is boosting mental health services as outlined in 2026-27 Budget Paper 4. The Government is providing additional funding of $394.4 million over four years, and $104.7 million per annum ongoing, from the Queensland Mental Health Levy to deliver new and increased mental health services, including:

- 30 new perinatal mother and baby beds
- Mental Health Assessment and Treatment in Emergency Departments
- New Alcohol and Other Drugs residential treatment beds
- Eight additional Adolescent Mental Health beds in Cairns
- Nine additional Rockhampton Acute Mental Health Inpatient Unit beds

- Nine additional Princess Alexandra Hospital Psychiatric Assessment and Planning unit beds
- Several historical unfunded commitments for mental health, alcohol and other drugs.

As outlined in formal responses to the Queensland Audit Office report *Managing Funding from the Mental Health Levy*, the Government is strengthening the approach to oversight, allocation, management and monitoring of the Mental Health Levy.

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Question No. 6

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer update the Committee on the Government's productivity agenda, including the progress being made to reduce regulatory burden, improve approval timeframes and support investment across Queensland?

ANSWER:

Productivity growth is central to Queensland's economic prosperity and long-term living standards.

The Crisafulli Government is focused on driving productivity improvements across the economy.

We are taking action to revive productivity in the building and construction industry following the decline seen under the former government and given the industry's critical role in delivering the housing and infrastructure our growing state needs.

The independent Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC), re-established by the Crisafulli Government after it was abolished by the former Labor Government in 2021, conducted an inquiry into opportunities to improve construction industry productivity.

The Government's response to this landmark inquiry sets out a comprehensive, whole-of-government reform agenda that includes:

- overhauling government procurement to make it easier to do business while delivering value for money for Queensland
- better guidance on health and safety regulation to ensure projects maintain safe and productive workplaces, including management of work during adverse weather
- less prescriptive and better targeted policy to boost the number of construction apprentices
- reviewing training courses to deliver skills needed for modern methods of construction
- streamlining licensing processes to fill skill shortages across Queensland's construction industry.

Implementation is underway, with early action including the permanent removal of Best Practice Industry Conditions, which is projected to save Queenslanders up to $20.6 billion over the five years to 2030.

Other actions already taken include simplifying government procurement to remove red tape and barriers to innovation and competition, and streamlining workplace health and safety reporting.

In April 2026, the QPC began its second public inquiry into the impact of the Commonwealth Government's 2025 *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* reforms on Queensland. This responds to stakeholder concerns that the reforms may increase regulatory burden, compliance costs, uncertainty and delays.

The work being done through QPC inquiries supports the Government's broader productivity agenda, which includes targeted red tape reduction across the economy to make it easier to start, run and grow a business in Queensland. This includes:

- practical red tape reduction for small business
- streamlining building regulation through the Building Reg Reno
- cutting red tape for Queensland state school teachers by 25%
- simplifying regulatory requirements for local councils, and
- streamlining the tourism industry's engagement with government.

Under the Crisafulli Government's comprehensive productivity agenda, green shoots are emerging, with Queensland recording 1.4% labour productivity growth in 2024-25 – the strongest of any state. While this is promising, the government is committed to delivering a sustained focus on red tape reduction and investments in productive infrastructure to continue turning around Queensland's productivity performance.

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Question No. 7

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer outline how a fairer distribution of GST revenue would benefit Queenslanders and support the delivery of essential services and infrastructure across the state?

ANSWER:

As the largest single revenue line in the state budget, the GST distribution is a critical issue for the sustainability of government services and infrastructure delivery.

Based on the latest distribution, Queensland's GST revenue will have grown only 1.5% over the three years to 2026-27, a reduction in real terms, compared with GST growth of 21% nationally, 46% for Western Australia and 49% for Victoria.

If Queensland's GST allocation had grown in line with national GST payments, Queensland would have received $10.2 billion more GST in the three years to 2026-27, comprising $1.5 billion more in 2024-25, $4.9 billion more in 2025-26 and $3.8 billion more in 2026-27.

$10.2 billion is broadly equivalent to Queensland Police Service's total employee expenses for the three years to 2026-27.

It also would have nearly fully funded the Transport and Main Roads portfolio's capital program in 2026-27.

The 2018 and 2025 changes to GST distribution policy and methodology have been extremely detrimental to Queensland, and the case for reform is clear.

The Crisafulli Government is strongly advocating for fairness to be restored to Australia's system of horizontal fiscal equalisation, including through the Productivity Commission's current inquiry into GST distribution reforms.

As well as providing additional funding for essential services and infrastructure, a fairer system would ensure states and territories are not unfairly punished for pursuing economic reforms and supporting key resource industries in the national interest.

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Question No. 8

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer outline how the Queensland Government Consulting Service is helping to restore discipline to the engagement of contractors and consultants across government, including steps being taken to flatten the trajectory of external spending inherited from the previous Government, while ensuring agencies continue to access specialist expertise where required?

ANSWER:

The government has kept its commitment to stop the exponential growth in contractors and consultancies through the establishment of Queensland Government Consulting Services (QGCS) and a greater focus on accountability and scrutiny of consultant and contractor procurements.

Established on 1 July 2025, QGCS will reduce reliance on external consultants and contractors by providing quality consulting advice to government departments on a cost-effective basis.

QGCS's operations also contribute to meeting specific recommendations of the 2022 Coaldrake Report. Regarding the use of external consultants, the Report recommended:

- Recommendation 5 – The rejuvenation of the capability and capacity of the Queensland public sector be a major and concerted focus. This should emphasise a culture of performance and integrity.

- Recommendation 9 – Departments more robustly account for the benefits derived from engaging consultants and contractors, with regular monitoring by the Auditor-General.

By equipping departments with the tools to address a range of complex challenges and issues, QGCS will also empower the public service through capability building and increased capacity.

QGCS services include project and policy evaluation, strategic and operational planning, contract negotiation and procurement, business cases and financial modelling.

As part of this focus, the government has put in place strict internal controls to minimise the engagement of external consultants.

The operation of QGCS along with the increased discipline and oversight are contributing towards flattening the exponential growth of consultant and contractor spending, by ensuring value for money and avoiding unnecessary engagements.

As reported by the Queensland Audit Office, between 2020-21 and 2023-24 spending on external consultants and contractors increased at an annual growth rate of approximately 20 per cent per annum. On this trajectory, total spending on consultants and contractors could have reached $4.5 billion by 2024–25 and $5.4 billion by 2025-26.

With this Government's focus on value for money and accountability in the use of external consultants and contractors, as reported by the Queensland Audit Office this spending was $4 billion in 2024-25. Based on analysis of spending to March 2026, it is estimated that spending on consultants and contractors will be approximately $4.2 billion in 2025-26. This reflects a $1.2 billion saving in 2025-26 when compared to the trajectory under the former Labor Government.

As indicated in the 2024-25 MYFER, the Government's election commitments net of identified savings were reflected in the overall improvement to the operating balance across the forward estimates.

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Question No. 9

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer outline how Queensland's recent dwelling approval and residential construction performance compares with other states, and how this reflects the Crisafulli Government's supply-focused approach to tackling housing affordability and improving home ownership opportunities?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to delivering on its target of one million new homes, including 53,500 additional social and community homes by 2044.

We are seeing positive signs on housing supply and productivity, with Queensland's residential construction performance outpacing other states.

Queensland recorded the fastest annual growth in the volume of residential construction work done, which was up 13.7% for the year ended March quarter 2026. This compares with growth of only 7.5% in New South Wales and 1.8% in Victoria over the same period.

Demand for housing construction has been exceptionally strong in Queensland, with the state recording the largest growth in the number of dwelling approvals of every state in the country. In the year ended May 2026, the number of dwelling approvals in Queensland totalled 46,244, up 21.3% on the prior 12-month period. This compares with growth of 10.6% in New South Wales and a 0.9% fall in Victoria.

Productivity growth is returning to construction sites and the number of dwellings under construction reached a record high of 50,100 in March quarter.

The 2026-27 Queensland Budget is delivering a range of measures to unlock housing supply, improve housing affordability and support more Queenslanders into home ownership.

The $2 billion Residential Activation Fund is helping to accelerate housing development by delivering the necessary trunk and essential infrastructure to enable residential development, with at least 50% of the funding being invested outside of South East Queensland.

The Residential Activation Fund has helped to unlock more than 100,000 homes for Queenslanders in less than 18 months. Round two of the Fund was recently doubled to $1 billion, to cater to the demand and overwhelming interest by councils and industry and help deliver more homes sooner.

The Government is also releasing more land for housing through the expanded nation-leading Land Activation Program to help identify, activate and release to market underutilised government land. Since its launch, the program has released land for approximately 5,800 homes across six sites in Queensland.

The 2026-27 State Budget is also providing $200 million to enable infrastructure works to unlock new homes in priority development areas through the Infrastructure Activation Fund. The Fund will support the Federal Government's 100,000 Homes for First Home Buyers Program.

The Crisafulli Government is taking strong action to revive productivity in the building and construction industry, given the industry's critical role in supporting housing development, and its marked decline in productivity over recent years.

The Government has implemented several important reforms to boost the productivity of Queensland's construction industry, including implementing many of the recommendations from the Queensland Productivity Commission's Opportunities to improve Productivity of the Queensland Construction Industry Final Report. The permanent removal of BPICs, alone is projected to save Queenslanders up to $20.6 billion over the five years to 2030.

The Crisafulli Government's practical approach is unlocking additional housing supply for the benefit of all Queenslanders.

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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 update the Committee on how the Crisafulli Government's first home buyer reforms are supporting home ownership, including the uptake of transfer duty concessions, the value of savings delivered to Queenslanders and how these reforms are providing greater flexibility for first home buyers?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to increasing the rate of home ownership in Queensland and supporting first home buyers purchase their own homes sooner.

The 2026-27 Queensland Budget is continuing to unlock home ownership opportunities across the state, including through the nation-leading Boost to Buy home ownership scheme. Up to 1,000 places have been made available in the scheme to date over two rounds, half of which are reserved for first home buyers outside of South East Queensland.

Since the 2025-26 Budget, the Queensland Government has doubled funding for Boost to Buy to $330 million, supporting up to 2,000 places for first home buyers over 3 years, helping more Queenslanders achieve their dream of home ownership.

The 2026-27 State Budget also continues the boosted $30,000 First Home Owner Grant. In 2025-26, almost 3,800 Queenslanders used the grant to purchase or build a new home.

The Government is also supporting home ownership through competitive transfer duty settings, with Queensland having some of the most generous arrangements across Australia. Thanks to the Crisafulli Government, first home buyers in Queensland no longer pay transfer duty when they buy or build a new home, with no cap on purchase price.

Since the Government abolished transfer duty for first home buyers on new homes in May 2025, more than 4,000 first-home buyers have benefited from additional duty savings totalling more than $74 million.

Based on median property values, eligible first-home buyers are saving around $27,000 when purchasing a new home. In addition to providing critical support to get these buyers into their first home sooner, the focus on new homes promotes increased housing supply which is the key to delivering long-term improvements in housing affordability.

For established homes, first home buyers can still benefit from the first home concession, applicable to homes valued up to $800,000, saving up to $24,525.

Between January 2025 and June 2026, this concession helped almost 23,500 first home buyers purchase their home.

In fact, Queensland has one of most generous tax settings for first home buyers. First home buyers now pay zero transfer duty on the purchase of new dwellings at any price. For first home buyers purchasing an established home at the median capital city price, we have the lowest effective rate of transfer duty across all major states.

For Queenslanders who are repeat buyers, Queensland is one of the only jurisdictions that provides concession on transfer duty. Queensland's home concession is available for dwellings of any value, and saves repeat home buyers up to $7,175 compared with an investor.

Reflecting Queensland's competitive settings, a home buyer purchasing a principal place of residence reflecting median capital city prices as of June 2026 would pay around $14,000 less transfer duty in Queensland than if they purchased in New South Wales, and around $6,000 less than if they purchased in Victoria.

The Crisafulli Government is also working with trustees in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to create more opportunities for home ownership. The 2026-27 Budget is providing additional funding of $2 million over 10 years to support implementation of the Palm Island Rent-to-Buy Home Ownership Scheme, in collaboration with Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council.

The Government is also making significant investments to unlock housing supply and improve housing affordability, ensuring Queensland is a place of aspiration and opportunity where home ownership is a realistic and attainable goal for Queenslanders.

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Question No. 11

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer advise the number of staff, reported separately by pay classification, employed by Queensland Government Consulting Services?

ANSWER:

As of 30 June 2026, Queensland Government Consulting Services (QGCS) had 25 employees. The QGCS workforce composition includes one Managing Director plus a variety of other employees at various levels to support operational activities.

As a business unit of Queensland Treasury Corporation (QTC), the remuneration arrangements for QGCS staff are guided by QTC's Remuneration Framework.

Salaries of individual employees are commercial-in-confidence. Remuneration information for QTC key management personnel will be included in annual reports.

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Question No. 12

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

QUESTION:

Can the Treasurer provide the current methodology used to determine the indexation rate for funded not-for-profit organisations, including how that methodology differs from the approach used in previous years and when those changes were made?

ANSWER:

The non-government organisation (NGO) indexation rate is calculated using a weighted index with 75% of the weighting applied to forecast wage price index (Queensland) and 25% of the weighting applied to forecast consumer price index (Brisbane). Queensland Treasury forecasts from the Mid-Year Fiscal and Economic Review are used to enable the rate to be approved in advance of the State Budget.

This weighted index has been the basis of the methodology for setting the NGO indexation rate since at least 2006-07. The methodology has been applied consistently since then.

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Question No. 13

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer provide a list of projects approved for ex-gratia relief of the foreign land tax surcharge in the 2025/26 financial year and 2026/2027 financial year to date?

ANSWER:

Under the *Taxation Administration Act 2001*, I am not permitted to provide the information requested.

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Question No. 14

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

QUESTION:

With reference to page 59 of Budget Paper 4, will the Treasurer advise from which programs the $27.1 million for the Fines Modernisation Program is being reprioritised (with funding reported separately by program)?

ANSWER:

Funding for the Fines Modernisation Program has been repurposed from a previous State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) ICT Reform Program.

The SPER ICT Reform Program was established to replace SPER's legacy penalty debt management system and modernise penalty debt administration.

The Fines Modernisation Program incorporates and expands upon these objectives by pursuing an integrated approach to fine and penalty debt administration.

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Question No. 15

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer provide the total amount collected by the Queensland Revenue Office in revenue and penalty debt in 2024-25 and 2025-26, reported separately?

ANSWER:

In 2024-25, the Queensland Revenue Office administered $30.3 billion in revenue and collected $477.2 million in penalty debt.

In 2025-26, the Queensland Revenue Office administered $32.2 billion in revenue and collected $511.8 million in penalty debt.

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Question No. 16

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer provide the 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 2026 (or closest reportable dates)?

ANSWER:

As at 30 June 2026:

Age of debt	Number of Unpaid Debts	Outstanding balance
Up to 30 days	100,348	$72.00 M
31 to 60 days	88,697	$58.40 M
61 to 90 days	79,445	$50.97 M
91 to 365 days	594,339	$353.51 M
Between 1 and 3 years	748,902	$364.58 M
Between 3 and 5 years	374,846	$159.27 M
Between 5 and 10 years	387,251	$143.19 M
More than 10 years	312,142	$122.53 M
Total	**2,685,970**	**$1,324.47 M**

Notes:

1. Data extracted as at 30 June 2026.
2. Figures are subject to change as data is extracted from live database.

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Question No. 17

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

QUESTION:

Can the Treasurer provide or table the detailed departmental breakdown of the $6.8 billion in consultant and contractor savings the government claims?

ANSWER:

As reported by the Queensland Audit Office, between 2020-21 and 2023-24 spending on external consultants and contractors increased at an annual growth rate of approximately 20 per cent per annum. On this trajectory, total spending on consultants and contractors could have reached $4.5 billion by 2024–25 and $5.4 billion by 2025-26.

With this Government's focus on value for money and accountability in the use of external consultants and contractors, as reported by the Queensland Audit Office this spending was $4 billion in 2024-25. Based on analysis of spending to March 2026, it is estimated that spending on consultants and contractors will be approximately $4.2 billion in 2025-26.

As indicated in the 2024-25 MYFER, the Government's election commitments net of identified savings were reflected in the overall improvement to the operating balance across the forward estimates.

Further detail on these savings were reported in Budget Paper 2 as part of the 2025-26 Budget.

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Question No. 18

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Boost to Buy scheme's government equity contribution of up to 30 per cent of properties valued up to $1 million will the Treasurer advise:

a. the provisioning made for potential equity losses across the forward estimates;
b. the valuation methodology applied at purchase and at exit or buyback; and
c. the terms that apply where a participant defaults or the property is sold?

ANSWER:

Queensland Treasury will review equity movements in the program annually. No provisions for potential equity losses in 2025-26 have been made noting that the first settlements have only occurred recently.

The terms and conditions for the Boost to Buy scheme, including valuation methodologies and terms that apply at a point of sale or default, are outlined in the *Boost to Buy Home Ownership Scheme - Information Statement,* which is available on Queensland Treasury's Boost to Buy webpage (https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/boost-to-buy-information-statement.pdf).

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Question No. 19

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for each government owned energy generator for the 2025-26 financial year, listed separately:

a. the generation source percentage listed by type; and
b. emissions per month?

ANSWER:

a. For each government owned energy generator, the generation source percentage listed by type is presented below:

Government owned energy generator	Generation type	Generation source %
Stanwell	Coal	98.7
	Wind	1.3
CS Energy	Coal	100.0
CleanCo	Gas	33.7
	Hydro	66.3

Please note that this information is publicly available.

b. Corporations registered under the *National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Act 2007* (Cth) must report their greenhouse gas emissions, and energy production and consumption by 31 October each year, in accordance with the National Greenhouse and Energy Reporting Scheme.

Emissions by government owned energy generator for the 2025-26 financial year will be reported in accordance with that process.

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Question No. 20

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many new large scale renewable energy generation projects over 50MW capacity reached financial close in Queensland during the 2025-26 financial year, listed separately by project name, location, generation type and capacity?

ANSWER:

The Clean Energy Council's quarterly investment report tracks utility-scale projects from the financial investment commitment stage through to the completion and operation of the plant. These periodic publications are available online at cleanenergycouncil.org.au.

From its most recent edition (Q4 2025 Quarterly Report), the Clean Energy Council reported 25 generation and storage projects either in financial commitment or under construction in Queensland, accounting for a total project capital investment of $8.952 billion, 3.79 gigawatts of generation project capacity, and 2.97 gigawatts of storage project capacity.

According to the Clean Energy Council, Queensland ranks among the top destinations for renewable energy generation investment – in first place for generation project capacity and in second place for total project capital investment among all Australian jurisdictions.

In collating these records, the Clean Energy Council assumes financial close based on "publicly available information stating that a project's financing agreements have been signed, and the owner can begin drawing on the financing to commence work on the project" and under construction based on "publicly available information that a project has started construction work." In practice, the delineation between financial commitment and construction commencement may be unclear, or otherwise not publicly reported.

As such, to ascertain information beyond what is publicly available, project proponents would need to be contacted directly.

Furthermore, in a related publication—Clean Energy Australia 2026—the Clean Energy Council notes a range of factors, including project deliverability, inflationary costs and customer demand, have impacted generation projects reaching financial close across the country.