

Estimates Question on Notice

No. 1

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Can the Deputy Premier advise when in 2023/24 the Great Keppel Island Master Plan is now due for public release?

ANSWER:

The Woppa (Great Keppel Island) Draft Master Plan was released for public consultation on Monday 10 July 2023 and closes on Monday 21 August 2023.

The Media Statement is available at: <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/98173>

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No. 2

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The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier list the number of departmental employees as of March 2023 broken down by Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations code and for each: (a) the occupation code description, and (b) whether it is a frontline, frontline support or corporate service role?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Public Sector Workforce Profile report was published on 13 June 2023. This provides a summary of the Queensland public sector workforce as at 31 March 2023 with a breakdown of frontline, frontline support, and corporate service roles. The occupation code description is also covered within this report.

The report can be viewed here – <https://www.forgov.qld.gov.au/human-resources/workforce-planning/workforce-statistics-and-tools/workforce-statistics>.

As at March 2023, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning comprised 20.2 per cent corporate service FTEs and 79.8 per cent frontline and frontline support FTEs.

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No. 3

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The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Regarding the 2021-24 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program, can the Deputy Premier provide: (a) breakdown of funding by financial year, and (b) the new infrastructure delivered by the program together with its cost and completion date (broken down by Local Government Area).

ANSWER:

The 2021-24 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program (the Program) funding period is from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2024. The Program is providing \$100 million to support the 12 South East Queensland (SEQ) councils.

Funding is paid to councils based on the achievement of project delivery milestones.

Councils were paid:

- \$50.162 million in 2021-22
- \$16.347 million in 2022-23.

The new infrastructure and community assets being delivered by each eligible council under the Program, project funding amount (grant subsidy) and completion dates, as at 1 July 2023, is as follows:

Council	Council Project Name	Program Funding	Project Completion Date
Brisbane City Council	Sports Field Lighting	\$500,000.00	23/12/2022
	Albert Street Amenity Block Greening Project	\$1,350,000.00	04/08/2022
	Roof replacement – SES Morningside	\$1,000,000.00	10/03/2023
	Animal Rehoming	\$1,000,000.00	06/02/2023
	Murarrie Recreation Reserve - Brisbane International Cycle Park	\$2,500,000.00	In progress
	Everton Park Bowls Club Car Park	\$650,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$7,000,000.00	

Council	Council Project Name	Program Funding	Project Completion Date
Gold Coast City Council	Gold Coast Disaster and Emergency Management Centre	\$9,810,000.00	In progress
	Paradise Point Parklands Public Amenities and Changing Places Facility	\$689,000.00	25/11/2022
	Construction of a Changing Places Facility at Tallebudgera Creek Park	\$800,000.00	In progress
	Lower Beechmont Community Facility	\$1,547,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$12,846,000.00	

Ipswich City Council	Cameron Park Playground and Amenities Upgrade	\$2,000,000.00	In progress
	Richardson Park Playground and Amenities Upgrade	\$1,500,000.00	In progress
	Riverview recycling and refuse centre upgrade and associated works (Stage 1)	\$3,170,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$6,670,000.00	

Lockyer Valley Regional Council	Flood Cameras	\$144,800.00	12/12/2022
	Twidale Road Upgrade	\$150,000.00	26/08/2022
	Bore Infrastructure Improvements	\$102,600.00	17/07/2022
	Cahill Park Machinery Shed Renewal	\$127,000.00	02/08/2022
	Cemetery Upgrades - Laidley / Gatton	\$72,600.00	01/12/2022
	Laidley Saleyards Program	\$114,000.00	In progress
	Stormwater Renewal Program	\$208,000.00	In progress
	Floodway Renewal Program	\$383,000.00	In progress
	Kerb and Channel Renewal Program	\$300,000.00	In progress
	Gatton Landfill Cell 5 Construction	\$1,720,000.00	In progress
	Culvert Renewal Program	\$380,000.00	In progress
	Footpath Missing Link and Renewal Program	\$328,000.00	In progress
	Lockyer Valley Sport and Aquatic Centres Revitalisation	\$406,000.00	30/11/2022
Total Funding		\$4,436,000.00	

Logan City Council	Teviot Road and Middle Road Intersection upgrade	\$1,000,000.00	13/01/2023
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	South West Depot	\$3,500,000.00	In progress
	Logan Central Youth Centre	\$2,020,000.00	In progress
	Centre Activation Through Tactical Intervention	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Storey Road - Logan Village Local Road Kerb and Stormwater Drainage upgrade	\$1,000,000.00	In progress
	Springwood Park Masterplan - Stage 1	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Logan Riverine Discovery Centre	\$2,750,000.00	In progress
	Chambers Flat Road and School Road Intersection	\$48,000.00	In progress
	Croydon Road Streetscape Upgrades	\$1,500,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$12,818,000.00	

Moreton Bay Regional Council	Beachmere - Mazlin Park - Park Upgrade	\$850,000.00	24/03/2023
	Brendale - Nolan Park - BMX Precinct Construction	\$450,000.00	17/12/2022
	Kallangur - Freshwater Creek - Park Corridor Upgrade	\$330,000.00	19/12/2022
	Strathpine - Rob Akers Reserve - Building Renewal Stage 2 Clubhouse	\$650,000.00	15/03/2023
	Morayfield - Lindsay Road Sports Complex - Lighting Upgrade	\$290,000.00	17/10/2022
	Rothwell - Scott Street - Park and Walk Facility	\$186,200.00	01/11/2022
	Deception Bay - Deception Bay Scenic Reserve - Pathway Lighting	\$294,000.00	In progress
	Warner - Frank Nichols Park - Park Upgrade 2	\$280,000.00	In progress
	Dayboro - Dayboro War Memorial Grounds - Soccer Field Lighting	\$320,000.00	In progress
	Clontarf - KR Benson Park - Redcliffe Leagues Netball Association Court Renewal	\$900,000.00	In progress
	North Lakes - Kinsellas Sports Complex - Tiered seating and shade	\$450,000.00	In progress
	Burpengary - Jets Rugby League - Lighting and CCTV	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Morayfield - Morayfield Road - Active Transport Upgrades	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Bongaree - Bribie Island Sports Complex - Building Renewal	\$554,300.00	In progress
	Ferny Hills - Linkwood Drive to Hutton Road - Emergency Access	\$300,000.00	In progress

Council	Council Project Name	Program Funding	Project Completion Date
	Murrumba Downs - Ogg Road - Pedestrian Crossing and Road Access Improvements	\$212,000.00	In progress
	Morayfield - Madeline Drive - Missing Link Footpath (1.80km)	\$550,000.00	In progress
	Dayboro - Hay Road - Pathway Construction	\$275,000.00	In progress
	Everton Hills - Cabbage Tree Creek - Active Transport Improvements	\$800,000.00	In progress
	Murrumba Downs - Dohles Rocks Road - Fauna Infrastructure Renewal	\$160,000.00	In progress
	Caboolture - Bluebell Street Park - Amenities Construction	\$320,000.00	In progress
	North Lakes - Bounty Boulevard State School - Park and Walk Facility	\$128,500.00	In progress
	Moreton Bay Housing and Homelessness Services Hub	\$3,000,000.00	In progress
	Bellara Foreshore Improvement Project	\$1,500,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$13,800,000.00	

Noosa Shire Council	Noosa Heads Main Beach Shower and Rock Wall Seating Improvements	\$90,000.00	09/11/2022
	Noosaville Alec Loveday Park Pedestrian Bridge Renewal Works	\$35,000.00	01/04/2023
	Shire Switchboard and Meter box upgrade	\$30,000.00	31/03/2022
	Conservation Projects on Council Land/Reserves-1	\$200,000.00	In progress
	Noosaville Gympie Terrace Park Furniture Renewal	\$50,000.00	In progress
	Peregian Beach Skate Park Design and Construct	\$175,000.00	In progress
	Shire BBQ Renewal Program	\$140,000.00	In progress
	Sunshine Beach - Beach Access 31 Renewal	\$160,000.00	In progress
	Community Facility Maintenance and Renewal	\$709,000.00	In progress
	Council Building Upgrades	\$183,000.00	In progress
	Gympie Terrace Foreshore Shelter Renewal Program	\$160,000.00	In progress
	Noosa Heads Maze Carpark Works Including Lighting	\$155,000.00	In progress
	Noosaville Noosaville Foreshore Park Stormwater Renewals	\$300,000.00	In progress
	Shire Public Amenities Renewal Program	\$500,000.00	In progress

Council	Council Project Name	Program Funding	Project Completion Date
	Shire Kerb and Channel Renewal Program	\$400,000.00	In progress
	Noosa Heads Precinct West End Sofitel Boardwalk Design and Construction	\$105,000.00	In progress
	Walking and Cycling Strategy Implementation	\$538,000.00	In progress
	Tewantin Memorial Park Pathway Upgrade	\$150,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$4,080,000.00	

Redland City Council	Redlands Coast Fibre Expansion Stage 2A: Indigiscapes to Capalaba Library (via Capalaba WWTP)	\$590,000.00	01/07/2022
	Redlands Coast Sport Precinct - Bike Activity Sub-Precinct	\$2,500,000.00	In progress
	Redlands Coast Sport Precinct - Recreation Sub-Precinct	\$2,000,000.00	In progress
	Minjerribah Panorama Coastal Walk Stage 2	\$2,500,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$7,590,000.00	

Scenic Rim Regional Council	Beaudesert Enterprise Precinct pavement rehabilitation	\$700,000.00	09/11/2022
	Carpark and access driveways upgrades at two parks	\$1,040,000.00	In progress
	Community and Council Facilities upgrades	\$810,000.00	In progress
	Community and Cultural Centres - Air Conditioning Upgrade	\$840,000.00	In progress
	Bromelton Transfer Station recycling bay construction	\$600,000.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$3,990,000.00	

Somerset Regional Council	Upgrade Esk Show Grounds	\$32,313.00	02/09/2021
	Lowood Recycled Water Pipeline	\$1,400,000.00	In progress
	Waste Infrastructure Upgrades	\$2,457,687.00	In progress
	Lowood pool - safe and fun for everyone project	\$1,996,731.00	In progress
	Construct Esk-Crows Nest Strategic Regional Connector - Toowoomba boundary section	\$2,055,211.00	In progress
	Lowood-Minden Road - Minden Village home safer and sooner project	\$687,950.00	In progress

Council	Council Project Name	Program Funding	Project Completion Date
Total Funding		\$8,629,892.00	

Sunshine Coast Regional Council	Parkyn Parade Pedestrian Facilities	\$145,000.00	02/11/2022
	Buderim Village Park - Playground	\$700,000.00	30/11/2022
	Albany Lakes Park - Stage 2	\$600,000.00	30/12/2022
	Palmwoods Warriors Football Club	\$450,000.00	31/03/2022
	Turner Park Upgrades and Activation	\$200,000.00	01/11/2022
	Mooloolaba Playground Shade	\$100,000.00	30/06/2022
	Sunshine Coast Stadium - car park	\$500,000.00	01/03/2023
	North Shore Multi-Sports Complex	\$700,000.00	In progress
	Outrigger Park Amenities	\$215,000.00	In progress
	Caloundra Indoor Stadium - roof upgrade	\$700,000.00	In progress
	Coolum Sports Complex - intersection upgrade	\$700,000.00	In progress
	Woombye Streetscape	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Eumundi Streetscape	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Landsborough Streetscape - Stage 2	\$500,000.00	In progress
	Ocean St Streetscape Upgrades	\$500,000.00	In progress
	First Avenue Maroochydore - Major Streetscape Upgrade	\$2,020,108.00	In progress
Total Funding		\$9,030,108.00	

Toowoomba Regional Council	Newman Road Culvert Replacement	\$1,110,000.00	In progress
	Gowrie Creek Trunk Sewer Upgrade	\$2,000,000.00	In progress
	Clifton Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$2,000,000.00	In progress
	Russell Street East Streetscape Refresh (Stage 2)	\$2,000,000.00	25/11/2022
	Yarraman Waste Management Facility	\$2,000,000.00	31/10/2022
Total Funding		\$9,110,000.00	

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No. 4

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

In regards to the evaluation of the Underutilised Urban Footprint areas within the SEQ Regional Plan which was to be undertaken in 2022/23, can the Deputy Premier advise: (a) the area of land evaluated, (b) the amount of land identified as a short-term opportunity for unlocking land supply and housing, and (c) the number of residential lots expected to be released for sale in 2023/24 in the areas identified in b).

ANSWER:

A total of 27,000 hectares of Underutilised Urban Footprint (UUF) land has been investigated. As a result of this work, it has been identified that 7,000 hectares of land (27 per cent) is utilised (being actively developed), and 20,000 hectares (73 per cent) could be developed with appropriate intervention. The learnings from UUF investigations will be applied in the South East Queensland Regional Plan review.

The Queensland Government and local governments play a role in enhancing land and housing supply across the South East Queensland region in both the short and long term. The Queensland Government cannot provide a specific figure for the number of residential lots expected to be released for sale in 2023/24. This is due to the fact that decisions regarding the quantity of lots to be released for sale are primarily within the purview of the development industry. Developers often make decisions based on market conditions, demand, and their own business strategies. As such, the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is not directly involved in determining these figures.

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No. 5

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

In regards to the Deputy Premier's previous commitment to publicly release the South East Queensland City Deal Implementation Plan by the end of 2022, can the Deputy Premier advise why it hasn't been released and the new expected release date?

ANSWER:

On 15 July 2023, the Albanese and Palaszczuk governments along with the Council of Mayors South East Queensland (SEQ) released the South East Queensland (SEQ) City Deal Implementation Plan.

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No. 6

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Regarding business cases for new development areas, could the Deputy Premier advise: (a) if the business case for Beerwah East has been completed, and (b) if a business case for the Halls Creek development is to be completed, and if so, the planned completion date?

ANSWER:

Beerwah East was identified as a major development area in the South East Queensland Regional Plan 2017 (*ShapingSEQ*).

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government, and Planning completed an initial assessment of Beerwah East in 2022 which lay the foundation for the Business Case. This initial assessment highlighted key areas like land tenure, Native Title, and land use planning that need attention for future urban development.

Halls Creek is currently undergoing an assessment under the federal *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* in regards to its environmental values and assets, including the Ramsar-listed Pumicestone Passage. The department will consider the outcomes of this process and the need for supply in the wider sub-region, including Beerwah East, before proceeding with further work.

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No. 7

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Since the 2018/19 financial year, can the Deputy Premier report on a financial year basis the amount of funds spent on the Review of the Grants to Local Government: Current and Future State Assessments, the costs paid to consultants and the costs associated with developing grant reporting portals, all reported separately?

ANSWER:

Since 2018/19 there was no cost to engage external resources to develop the *Review of the Grants to Local Government: Current and Future State Assessments* report.

The eGrant System Replacement Project:

- Financial Year 2018/19: \$260,372
- Financial Year 2019/20: \$958,580
- Financial Year: 2020/21: \$547,988

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No. 8

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Works for Queensland and COVID Works for Queensland programs and the SEQ Community Stimulus Package for each financial year 2016/17 to 2026/27, can the Deputy Premier provide, for each individual program (reported separately) the: (a) total level of funds allocated for each of the financial years (b) amount of any funding carried over each year; (c) amount of funding already expended in each program; and (d) amount of funding remaining post 23/24 in each program?

ANSWER:

For question parts (a), (b) and (c):

Works for Queensland			
Financial Year	Funding Allocation \$'000	Deferral ¹ / (Bring Forward ²) \$'000	Funding Expended \$'000
2016-17	120,000	660	119,340
2017-18	180,000	3,100	176,900
2018-19	147,811	(23,872)	171,683
2019-20	50,000	374	49,626
2020-21	33,995	(12,247)	46,242
2021-22	148,000	13,868	134,132
2022-23	88,210	39,405	48,805
2023-24	38,186	-	-
2024-25	114,214	-	-
2025-26	70,000	-	-
2026-27	30,000	-	-
			746,728

¹ Deferral is the carry over of unspent funding from the current financial year into future years.

² Bring forward is where funding from a future year is brought into the current financial year.

2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland			
Financial Year	Funding Allocation \$'000	Deferral / (Bring Forward) \$'000	Funding Expended \$'000
2020-21	180,000	41,348	138,652
2021-22	80,000	27,350	52,650
2022-23	9,888	3,457	6,431
2023-24	1,652	615	-
			197,733

2021-24 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program (SEQCSP)			
Financial Year	Funding Allocation \$'000	Deferral / (Bring Forward) \$'000	Funding Expended \$'000
2021-22	25,000	(25,162)	50,162
2022-23	24,838	8,491	16,347
2023-24	34,419	(928)	-
2024-25	50,000	-	-
2025-26	40,000	-	-
2026-27	10,000	-	-
			66,509

d) The amount of funding remaining post 2022-23 in each program will be dependent on council progress in delivering approved projects. Per grant program guidelines for the above programs, grant funding project payments are made by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning based on councils achieving project delivery milestones. The department works closely with councils to monitor delivery of projects.

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No. 9

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

What resources has the Deputy Premier allocated to reduce the risk of rate payers in small remote councils bearing the cost of undertaking traditional owner road clearances for local government road construction and particularly if further requirements are made on local councils in this regard?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is committed to working with the local government sector to address the financial and resourcing challenges faced by small, remote, and Indigenous councils in delivering the infrastructure and services their communities need.

The Rural and Remote Council Compact has also been established to provide rural and remote councils with an opportunity to advocate on key issues they face. Key focus areas to date have included roads, housing, and sustainability.

Additionally, the Queensland Government provides significant funding support for small, remote, and Indigenous councils to deliver infrastructure for their communities.

This includes through the Works for Queensland program, which supports the 65 non-South East Queensland councils deliver important maintenance and infrastructure projects.

At the 2020 State Election, the Queensland Government committed a further \$400 million over six years (2021-2027) to continue this important program and provide certainty of funding to councils.

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No. 10

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Can the Deputy Premier advise whether the government provides road maintenance funding for the repair of local roads affected by a project that has been granted coordinated project status?

ANSWER:

The coordinated project status is an environmental impact statement process, not a funding tool. Frameworks under the *Planning Act 2016* for infrastructure assessment and proponent contributions apply to coordinated projects in the same way as any other project in Queensland.

Infrastructure agreements are provided for under the Planning Act as an alternative to local government infrastructure charges for local services, such as roads, being leveed to a proponent as required under a planning scheme. This means the infrastructure agreement would override the local government infrastructure plan.

For coordinated projects, the Coordinator-General can recommend conditions, through the evaluation report, for infrastructure agreements to be negotiated between the proponent and local governments relevant to the project. Such recommendations would occur where the Coordinator-General recognises that a project would generate additional traffic and warrant the proponent to contribute towards the cost of road pavement maintenance and rehabilitation.

The infrastructure agreement process involves negotiation between the project proponent and local government to provide certainty on the extent of works and funds required to offset the project's impact on local roads. The Coordinator-General would generally expect the infrastructure agreement to be in place prior to a project commencing or generating unacceptable impacts.

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No. 11

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 6 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier inform the committee how the Palaszczuk Government is working with local governments to build their financial sustainability?

ANSWER:

Queensland's councils play a critical role in creating the best, most liveable local communities right across the State and the Queensland Government is committed to working with councils to ensure a strong and sustainable local government sector now and into the future.

All councils face unique financial, service delivery and community need challenges, which can be impacted by a range of factors that affect a council's long-term sustainability. To help address these challenges, the Queensland Government has worked with councils and stakeholders to develop a new, fit for purpose Local Government Sustainability Framework (Sustainability Framework).

The new Sustainability Framework provides a more holistic approach considering council sustainability, across five key areas – finances, assets, governance, compliance, and operating environment.

The Sustainability Framework formally commenced on 1 July 2023, with the implementation of the *Financial Management (Sustainability) Guideline 2023 version 1* (the Statutory Guideline). The new Statutory Guideline includes an expanded set of ratios to monitor council financial and asset management performance.

The Sustainability Framework will allow for more holistic and proactive monitoring of council sustainability challenges and will better support the Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning to develop and implement tailored solutions.

Additionally, the Queensland Government works closely with local governments and other stakeholders to provide financial and governance advice and training to councillors and council officers that helps build and enhance financial management capability across Queensland's local government sector.

A series of financial management and sustainability workshops for councillors and senior council employees were delivered in 2022-23, in conjunction with the Queensland Treasury Corporation. Three hundred and eighty-eight councillors and council staff attended these workshops.

The department's Finance Officers' Networks delivered 12 face-to-face and virtual sessions that were well attended, with 343 council staff participating state-wide. This is an important initiative to strengthen sustainability of local governments and to provide opportunity for expertise development in financial reporting and management.

Sessions for councils focussed on service standards and compliance with accounting standards have also been provided by the department during 2022/2023.

The department is also aware that a key part of financial sustainability is an effective asset management system. The department has begun a project, in collaboration with the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia to better understand the state of asset management within Queensland local governments and to tailor targeted capacity building initiatives.

The department is working closely with Indigenous local governments to identify options for addressing key sustainability challenges, including analysing how critical assets are managed and how corporate services are provided. This project is aiming to work hand in hand with Indigenous local governments to address long-term capability challenges to give rise to longer-term sustainability.

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No. 12

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The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 4 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier advise how the Palaszczuk Government's Queensland New Industry Development Strategy (QNIDS) is helping Queensland businesses develop new industries and access manufacturing opportunities to build the infrastructure and products that are in growing demand in a decarbonising world?

ANSWER:

Queensland has a successful track record of industry development by leveraging our competitive advantages to create jobs, diversify the state's economy and harness emerging industries.

Global and domestic decarbonisation efforts have driven growth in industries that create the essential products, materials and generate the clean energy necessary for the transition to net-zero.

Queensland is uniquely placed to capitalise on decarbonisation due to the state's abundant natural resources, skilled and trained workforce, and first-class infrastructure to build supply chains and expand the state's industrial footprint.

The Queensland New-Industry Development Strategy, released on 19 May 2023, leverages these strengths to expand Queensland's global footprint in industries on the forefront of decarbonisation.

There are six key areas that the Strategy focuses on: renewable energy manufacturing and infrastructure, critical minerals, battery supply chains, green hydrogen, the circular economy, and the bioeconomy.

The Strategy deploys place-based approaches to deliver Regional Transitional Plans supported by the \$200 million Regional Economic Futures Fund to finance activities that help diversify regional economies. The new Local Economic Opportunities Network is now operating to work with communities across the state to identify opportunities for economic diversification and promote these for investment consideration.

The Strategy is also supported by the \$5.84 billion Queensland Jobs Fund as well as an accelerated program of integrated land use and infrastructure planning and continual deployment of the Queensland Government's industry development services.

Together, the Strategy grows Queensland's economy, empowers regional energy transformation, and develops the industries that are key for Queensland to meet its decarbonisation targets.

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No. 13

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The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 6 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier update the committee on how the Palaszczuk Government is supporting local governments across the state to deliver additional homes?

ANSWER:

Local governments in Queensland play a vital role in delivering additional homes by overseeing urban planning and zoning, approving developments, providing necessary infrastructure and services, implementing affordable housing initiatives, engaging with the community, leading urban renewal projects, formulating housing strategies and policies, monitoring compliance, and contributing to the overall growth and well-being of their local government area in collaboration with state and federal authorities.

The Queensland Government is assisting local governments to deliver additional homes through various actions and initiatives, including:

1. Leading work on the South East Queensland, Wide Bay Burnett, Far North Queensland and Cape York regional plan reviews. In turn local governments can align their housing strategies and local planning schemes with these regional plans, enabling a coordinated approach to housing delivery.
2. Funding the Western Queensland Alliance of Councils to prepare local housing action plans, empowering smaller councils to address housing shortages and affordability concerns in their regions.
3. Providing funds to the Local Government Association of Queensland for developing 38 Local Housing Action Plans, fostering collaboration and a unified effort among local governments across the state.
4. The Queensland Rural Workers' Accommodation Initiative helps rural local governments address accommodation shortages for essential workers, allowing repurposing of underutilized facilities for temporary accommodation and enabling small-scale rural workers' housing without development approval, while also working on long-term solutions with local governments.
5. Identifying opportunities for council-owned land and buildings to be used for additional housing.
6. Establishing the Growth Areas Program and providing funds like the \$150 million Catalyst Infrastructure Fund and the \$50 million Growth Acceleration Fund to expedite essential infrastructure delivery, promoting residential land supply and development.

7. Delivering the \$210 million Growth Area Compact to coordinate enabling infrastructure for affordable housing options in Caboolture West, benefiting the City of Moreton Bay Council.
8. Amending the infrastructure designation pathway to ease regulatory hurdles for local governments supporting social or affordable housing by community housing providers.
9. Partnering with local governments and industry to create a community engagement and awareness campaign covering growth and housing diversity, raising public awareness and support for both state and local housing initiatives.
10. Assisting Redland City Council in developing a housing supply and diversity strategy, providing expert advice and resources at the states expense to ensure up to date and effective housing strategies for the local government area.

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No. 14

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 21 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier outline for the committee how Priority Development Areas (PDAs) are unlocking residential lot supply and growing priority industries in Queensland?

ANSWER:

Priority Development Areas are a powerful tool, providing fit for purpose planning instruments and a streamlined development assessment process, enabling government to respond to community needs and support economic growth.

The vision and purpose of a Priority Development Area is specific to each one but within most of the 35 declared areas, housing delivery is a key focus.

There are currently 200,000 dwellings planned across the Priority Development Areas, including within the four major greenfield areas and key urban renewal precincts at Northshore Hamilton and Bowen Hills.

Since 2020, over 10,000 dwelling lots have been delivered with another 12,700 residential lots and apartments approved for delivery. This includes more than 2,600 residential lots and 615 apartment dwellings approved in 2022-23.

Social and affordable housing is also a requirement in many Priority Development Areas. Over 8,600 social and 39,000 affordable dwellings are proposed. To date around 800 social dwellings and over 10,000 affordable dwellings have been delivered.

Flexibility is a major benefit of Priority Development Areas with innovation encouraged in delivering a range of housing typologies that meet community need but would be otherwise be unavailable outside a declared area.

Economic Development Queensland continues to investigate potential new Priority Development Areas including at North Harbour and a new, larger Priority Development Area in Woolloongabba. Investigations are also underway into a potential declaration at Caboolture West.

The provision of critical infrastructure is vital to the on-going development of housing. Economic Development Queensland oversees the Building Acceleration Fund, working with councils, developers and utility providers to invest in infrastructure, including in Priority Development Areas.

Recently work was completed on essential road infrastructure at Yarrabilba, unlocking 2,000 lots for residential development and paving the way for the site of a new Yarrabilba primary school and access to the Yarrabilba town centre. Through the Building and Acceleration Fund, \$15 million was provided for this work, supporting around 100 jobs.

Other catalyst infrastructure funding has unlocked \$41.5 million and more than 13,000 lots in the Ripley Valley and \$83 million and 25,300 lots in Greater Flagstone Priority Development Areas through the provision of transport, water and sewer infrastructure.

Priority Development Areas also support industry. Major health-related developments are now underway at Lumina on the Gold Coast including the new RDX building, a \$154 million 6 Star Green Star development focussed on life science, research and health/med tech innovation. This is in addition to the Proxima building which is an \$80 million children's health and education centre of excellence due for completion in March 2024.

Meanwhile, at Northshore, Vaxxas has opened its needle-free vaccine research and manufacturing facility, enabling it to produce needle-free vaccine technology to manufacture up to 300 million vaccines a year, providing almost 140 high value jobs.

Northshore will also be home to the Brisbane Athlete Village for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, accommodating approximately 16,000 athletes, para-athletes and team officials. In the 2023-24 State Budget, \$154.7 million was allocated to enable Economic Development Queensland to bring forward the delivery of public infrastructure required to deliver the infrastructure, services and the land.

A significant legacy of the Brisbane Athlete Village will be its delivery of housing supply across multiple key markets including social and affordable housing, aged care, retirement living, key worker and build-to-rent accommodation, hotel stock and market housing.

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No. 15

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 3 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier advise the committee how the Palaszczuk Government is working with the Albanese Federal Government and industry to ensure Cairns ensures its future as a marine maintenance leader, and continues to meet the growing demand for ship maintenance work across our region?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government and Albanese Federal Government are working collaboratively to ensure that Cairns remains a regional leader in ship maintenance, repair and overhaul work.

Together, both Governments have committed a total of \$360 million towards the development of a common user facility at the Cairns Marine Precinct, which will include a 5,000 tonne shiplift, blast and paint facilities, hardstand areas and wet berth capacity.

This will provide Cairns shipyards with the additional infrastructure needed to meet growing demand from existing customers and markets, as well as being able to access new markets for maintenance of larger vessels.

It is anticipated the common user facility will be used to maintain a variety of vessels, including Defence, Australian Border Force, commercial and private vessels, such as superyachts.

As Cairns is the Regional Maintenance Centre North-East for the maintenance of Defence vessels, the Queensland Government has been in consultation with the Department of Defence to ensure that the common user facility will be suitable to meet their anticipated requirements.

Preconstruction investigations for the common user facility are underway, which will inform the next stages of the project.

The Queensland Government and Australian Government will continue to work together to ensure timely progression of this catalytic project, which will bring long-term economic benefits to the community of Far North Queensland.

The common user facility will be complemented by a number of other projects within the Cairns Marine Precinct being supported by the Queensland Government.

A further \$27 million has been committed for a road and bridge upgrade to allow increased load capacity to and from the common user facility.

\$12 million in funding has also been allocated for the Cairns shipyards to make immediate upgrades to their existing facilities. This will be administered through the Industry Partnership Program, subject to matched industry funding and satisfactory business cases.

To support marine industry skills development, the Great Barrier Reef International Marine College is receiving \$16 million to expand its campus. The expansion will include a new workshop, additional classrooms, staff facilities and a boat shed. This will help TAFE Queensland to deliver more marine industry training in region, for new students and to upskill the existing maritime workforce.

With the Palaszczuk Government and Albanese Federal Government working together to provide targeted support to the marine industry, Cairns will continue to go from strength to strength as a leader in the maintenance, repair and overhaul of marine vessels for years to come.

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No. 16

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 4 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier inform the committee of the projects announced and funded under the Queensland Government's Industry Partnership Program (IPP), and how they are growing priority industry sectors such as hydrogen, biofutures, biomedical, resource recovery and recycling, batteries, critical minerals processing, and renewable energy manufacturing?

ANSWER:

Since the Industry Partnership Program (IPP) opened in June 2021, 18 projects have been approved with a project value of over \$1.1 billion and with the potential to create over 1,856 ongoing operational jobs. The program has also leveraged \$154.58 million in Commonwealth Government funding for Queensland projects.

The program will now be redesigned with an additional \$53.5 million to support the Queensland New-Industry Development Strategy which aims to develop industries that will be in demand as the world decarbonises. These industries include renewable energy manufacturing, critical minerals, battery industry development, green hydrogen, resource recovery and recycling, and the bioeconomy, including biofuels and sustainable aviation fuel.

An additional \$12 million will also be invested through the program to support an upgrade to the existing facilities at the Cairns Marine Precinct to ensure the Precinct will continue to deliver as the premier marine maintenance and sustainment hub in Northern Australia. The funding will support projects from Austal, Norship and Tropical Reef Shipyard to upgrade existing shipyard facilities and associated infrastructure in the Cairns Marine Precinct to capture unmet and growing demand in Defence, Australian Border Force, commercial and superyacht maintenance, repair and overhaul opportunities.

With IPP funding now reaching \$415.5 million, there is more opportunity to support projects that create economic opportunities by addressing supply chain gaps, creating sovereign capabilities, and expanding strengths across industries. Projects that have been announced to date include:

- Fortescue Future Industries’ green hydrogen facility near Gladstone, which will help Queensland to become a world leader in hydrogen generation and the renewable-hydrogen supply chain.
- Alpha HPA’s construction of a commercial plant for high purity alumina nitrate aluminium sulphate for use in lithium-ion batteries for electric vehicles and LED lighting. The project will support decarbonisation by producing products for lithium batteries.
- Queensland University of Technology’s upgrade of the Mackay renewable biocommodities pilot plant. The project will build on Queensland’s growing biofutures industry, increasing the uptake of renewable bioproduct technologies in Australia by developing innovative and commercially viable products.
- Visy Industries’ upgrade to the Visy material recovery facility on Gibson Island, which will divert up to 39,000 tonnes of material from landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Translational Research Institute’s state-of-the-art new translational manufacturing facility. The project will support Queensland’s growing pipeline of startups, shoring up Queensland’s sovereign manufacturing capabilities, and in particular the state’s ability to develop new vaccines and medical treatments locally.
- Veeco Group’s vanadium battery electrolyte manufacturing facility at Townsville, which will support Queensland to transition to a cleaner, more reliable and renewable energy system.

Assessment of current applications under the program continues, and additional projects are expected to be approved and announced in the coming months.

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No. 17

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 28 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier provide details to the committee on how much the Palaszczuk Government has invested in betterment initiatives for Queenslanders who have been affected by natural disasters?

ANSWER:

Queensland leads the nation in building resilience in its communities through betterment programs.

Since 2015, the Queensland Reconstruction Authority has administered six betterment programs valued at more than \$352 million, including \$190 million currently in delivery across the state.

The betterment funding supports local governments and state agencies to rebuild essential public infrastructure such as roads, bridges and floodways to a more resilient standard to better protect Queenslanders.

Queensland has shown how rebuilding impacted infrastructure to a more resilient standard minimises the impacts of future disasters and avoids associated repair costs.

Since 2015, more than 299 projects across 64 local government areas in Queensland have been approved for Betterment funding, helping to create stronger, more resilient communities. From an investment of more than \$98 million in projects that have been re-impacted since the completion of the 2015 program, we have seen approximately \$105.5 million in avoided reconstruction costs, representing close to \$7 million in savings.

Highlights of Betterment fund projects since 2015 includes:

- more than \$3.1 million invested in improvements to the popular tourist route of Pilbeam Drive in Rockhampton
- more than \$3.2 million to increase the resilience of the important rural connector May Downs-Carfax Road in the Isaac region
- and more than \$9.4 million for Cloncurry's Sedan Dip Road, a major livestock route.

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No. 18

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 30 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier advise the committee how many Queenslanders have had their homes bought back, as part of the Resilient Homes Fund, following damage during the southern Queensland flooding of 2022?

ANSWER:

The Resilient Homes Fund was established in May 2022 to help flood-affected Queenslanders improve the resilience of their home to future flooding or remove impacted homeowners from harm's way.

Voluntary Home Buy-Back has been identified for homes that were the most severely impacted and at the greatest risk of future flooding.

To date, 771 valuation inspections have been undertaken as part of this program. 603 offers have been presented to homeowners 447 offers accepted, and 273 contracts have settled.

Once an agreement is reached, the property and the land will be purchased by the local council, the building demolished or removed and the land rezoned to non-occupiable use. This will ensure that no resident will have to suffer the devastating impacts of flooding in that location again.

Initially, 500 homes were identified for Voluntary Home Buy-Back. Given the significant demand for the program, additional homeowners at high risk of flooding have been identified to participate in the buy-back program. The expansion will be funded through efficiencies identified in the existing disaster funding allocation.

The expansion has enabled an additional 300 properties to be identified for buy-back. In total, more than 800 properties have now been identified for the program. The Voluntary Home Buy-Back program closed on 18 June 2023.

This is the first recovery and resilience program of its kind to be offered in Australia and is changing Queenslanders' lives – as well as the region's resilience to flooding.

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No. 19

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 4 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier update the committee on The Spit master plan implementation on the Gold Coast and how it is delivering better facilities to the community?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government's \$60 million commitment to support the implementation of The Spit Master Plan continues to deliver better facilities for the community. The implementation is being delivered in partnership with City of Gold Coast and the Gold Coast Waterways Authority, with ongoing community consultation and engagement.

The recently completed Marine Stadium Jetty and Pontoon brings \$15.8 million to the value of projects delivered on The Spit, including the Seaworld Drive shared pathway, Moondarewa Spit redevelopment, and the award-winning Seaway Promenade, which received the 2022 AILA National Landscape Architecture Award for Parks and Open Space.

During consultation on the master plan, the community asked for better water quality in Marine Stadium to support recreational activities. Over the last year, we implemented management changes, and the water quality is improving. The new jetty is a great place to cast a line now.

Over the next year, the state is contributing \$12.1 million towards upgrades at Muriel Henchman Park to boat ramps and public parking and facilities. The Gold Coast Waterways Authority commenced these works in July and expects completion by June 2024.

The state is contributing \$5.2 million towards the establishment of a littoral rainforest in Federation Walk Coastal Reserve. This is a ten-year project, revitalising 37 hectares of critically endangered littoral rainforest and coastal vegetation for future generations. The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning are working with the City of Gold Coast to ensure the reserve is accessible to people of all abilities.

The department has been leading the preparation of technical design documents for directional and interpretive signs to be installed across The Spit. The department is also working with community representatives, traditional owners and subject matter experts to extract their knowledge, experiences and stories to reflect the rich history across The Spit, contributing to its distinct character.

Development sites released will deliver community facilities such as a landscaped harbour linking the Broadwater and the ocean, extension of the Broadwater pathway and new and improved public parking.

The government's commitment to The Spit Master Plan has given industry the certainty needed to invest on The Spit. Almost \$1.5 billion of development applications have been lodged, with more to come. This will see the village community grow with new residential, retail and dining options all creating jobs on The Spit.

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No. 20

Asked on 11 July 2023

The State Development and Regional Industries Committee asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning and Minister Assisting the Premier on Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

With reference to page 35 of the SDS, will the Deputy Premier update the committee on the South Bank master plan?

ANSWER:

Thirty years on from World Expo '88, South Bank continues to be one of the state's most iconic destinations and a globally recognised riverside precinct.

A draft master plan has been developed by the South Bank Corporation with a vision for the precinct to remain Brisbane's most lively, green and inclusive place for current and future generations. The draft master plan has been through an extensive process of community and stakeholder consultation, with over 15,000 pieces of feedback received.

The intention of the new master plan is to set out a vision for the future of the precinct for the next 30 years and beyond.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning is leading state agency feedback and engagement on the final master plan and working closely with South Bank Corporation to finalise the master plan.

Following this process, the final South Bank master plan will be prepared by South Bank Corporation for government consideration by early 2024.