

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. G01
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

With reference to page 34 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister outline for the Committee how the Palaszczuk Government is restoring confidence, encouraging investment and the employment of Queenslanders in Queensland's building and construction industry, and if he is aware of any other approaches?

ANSWER

Queensland's building and construction industry is an economic powerhouse.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to supporting this sector which employs 230,000 Queenslanders and contributes a massive \$46 billion to the Queensland economy.

Our reforms are creating a safer, fairer and more sustainable building and construction industry that continues to grow with confidence and that will make Queensland the state of choice to invest and work in construction.

The government has a clear pathway to deliver this through the Queensland Building Plan (QBP). This comprehensive reform package:

- ensures Queensland's tradies are paid in full, on time, every time;
- makes non-confirming building products the responsibility of everyone in the supply chain;
- modernises our plumbing and drainage laws;
- looks to streamline our licensing system; and
- enhances the regulators ability to deliver enforcement and compliance with the laws.

The QBP recognises that, at its core, the building and construction industry is fundamentally about people, about Queenslanders.

The Palaszczuk Government has made significant progress in delivering the QBP. This includes the delivery of landmark security of payment reforms, spearheaded by the introduction of project bank accounts (PBAs) and underpinned by reforms to the Minimum Financial Requirements (MFR) framework.

Since the introduction of PBAs on government projects valued at between \$1 - \$10 million on 1 March 2018, PBAs have successfully been established on 144 government projects valued at over \$560 million. This means that over half a billion dollars is now guaranteed to those tradies on government projects; providing confidence that they will get paid in full, on time, every time.

Ensuring people are paid for the work they perform means industry can stop wasting time chasing late or unpaid invoice, and instead focus on growing their businesses creating jobs for Queenslanders.

The next step is to implement PBAs across the industry to ensure that a tradie's progress payments are protected whether they are working on a government project or private project.

It is important to the continued confidence in the industry that we get this right. This is why the government legislated to appoint a Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel to work with the building industry to evaluate the implementation of the reforms.

The independent Building Industry Fairness Reforms Implementation and Evaluation Panel (Panel) has undertaken a comprehensive evaluation of the reforms and provided their report to government. The recommendations in the report are currently being considered by government and the report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the review is completed consistent with the requirements of the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017* s200A(5).

The Palaszczuk Government has also reformed Minimum Financial Requirements framework. These reforms are a key element of the Palaszczuk Government's security of payment measures that will ensure tradies are paid for the work they do – in full, on time, every time. Reforms that were necessary to reverse the reckless actions of the LNP Government

In 2014, the LNP Government made changes that weakened minimum financial requirement laws and put at risk thousands of construction jobs across the state. Under that regime the Queensland Building and Construction Commission had not been able to adequately monitor the financial health of licensees, and this caused widespread damage to many Queensland businesses.

Commencing from 1 January 2019, the Palaszczuk Government has reintroduced the pre-2014 requirement for licensees to provide financial information to the QBCC each year. This key measure will provide the QBCC with greater visibility over the financial health of licensees and allow them to take early action to mitigate any impacts of a licensee who finds themselves in financial trouble. Changes also put in place include a requirement for contractor licensee, particularly category 4-7 licensees to notify the QBCC of significant changes to their financial position.

We are already seeing the results of the new laws with licensees injecting significant additional capital into the industry following the financial review of 269 of the 765 licensees. This is a strong start. The QBCC are continuing MRF compliance assessment and we are confident that these new laws will continue to boost the sector's safety net, as licensees boost the financial health of their businesses.

The MFR reforms will vastly improve the QBCC's oversight of contractor licensees to reduce risk and mitigate the impacts of company collapse as much as possible and build confidence in the industry – confidence that coupled with the introduction of PBAs will allow to the industry to continue to grow and support the hundreds of thousands of Queenslanders that rely on it for their job.

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THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

With reference to page 14 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister outline to the Committee how the Palaszczuk Government is ensuring Queensland workers receive fair pay for the work they do on behalf of Queenslanders?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government has responded to the Parliamentary wage theft report by strengthening the Buy Queensland approach with an Ethical Supplier Threshold. The Threshold more fully expresses the wage and entitlement standards expected of suppliers who wish to do business with the Queensland Government.

The Threshold is effective from 1 August 2019. It will be a mandatory requirement for all procurement. Suppliers found in breach of the Ethical Supplier Threshold will have:

- contravened a civil remedy provision of Chapter 2 or Chapter 3 of the *Fair Work Act 2009* (Cth), or committed an offence against the Fair Work Act;
- contravened a civil remedy provision of Chapter 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 of the *Industrial Relations Act 2016*, or committed an offence against the Industrial Relations Act, or failed to pay employment related levies, or other payments, established under Queensland Legislation;
- failed to make superannuation contributions on behalf of employees in accordance with law;
- purported to treat employees as independent contractors, where they are not;
- required persons who would otherwise be employees to provide ABNs so that they could be treated as independent contractors;
- engaged persons on unpaid work trials or as unpaid interns, where they should be treated as employees;
- entered into an arrangement for the provision of labour hire services with a person who is not licensed under the Labour Hire Licensing Act 2017, or a supplier who is an unlicensed provider under the Act; and
- paid employees' wages below those provided for in an applicable modern award.

The Government's approach was backed by employers during the Wage Theft Inquiry. "*Mr Andrew Bourke of Executive Security also considered that any contractor found to be underpaying their employees should have their contract terminated, and highlighted scope for the Queensland Government to impose minimum standards with respect to qualifications and eligibility requirements for tenders.*" ("A fair day's pay for a fair day's work? Exposing the true cost of wage theft in Queensland"; Report No. 9, 56th Parliament Education, Employment and Small Business Committee; November 2018, p. 111).

These considered steps to address non-compliance, will ensure the marketplace supports suppliers who are ethical, socially and environmentally responsible, and meet their contractual obligations

Suppliers who do the right thing should not have to compete with those that do not meet basic legal and policy standards.

Queensland workers are entitled to a fair day's pay for a fair day's work and to return home from work safely.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 13 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister update the Committee on the continued work of the Palaszczuk Government to improve the clarity and transparency of the Digital Projects Dashboard?

ANSWER

The Digital Projects Dashboard (the Dashboard) addresses the need for information to be easily accessible and visible to the public in a timely manner. It provides high level information, outlining the individual journey of government ICT investments and their alignment to the digital priorities of the Queensland Government.

On 7 September 2018, Release 4 of the Dashboard was delivered featuring a suite of enhancements to align with Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities - 'be a responsive Government' priority. Enhancements included:

- improving existing fields to provide greater clarity in messaging;
- adding new fields to better indicate scope change, over the life of a project, including project requirements, cost and timeframes; and
- adding an option for agencies to link a project to already published information so customers can learn more about initiatives.

These improvements have been implemented in collaboration with agencies and allow for an even stronger standardisation of the way government reports on digital projects, as well as greater clarity around the different project stages and their significance.

The Dashboard is designed to ensure information provides high-level context on the life of a project which may include multiple stages, allowing for better understanding of project components including expenditure and timeframes.

The Government's Digital Projects Dashboard now provides greater clarity for Queenslanders on ICT projects being delivered by the Government.

The Dashboard is now the nation-leading resource for the provision of information on Government ICT projects. The Dashboard is far ahead of New South Wales and Victoria and light years ahead of the Federal Government communicating to the public on ICT projects.

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QUESTION

With reference to budget paper 4 will the Minister outline the steps the Palaszczuk Government is taking to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders?

ANSWER

The Queensland Government recognises the importance of housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and the connection they have to their home and the key role housing plays in Closing the Gap in Indigenous Australian's outcomes.

Mr Mick Gooda was appointed to the role of First Nations Housing Advisor in October 2018 to guide the development of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Body - two key commitments to advancing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027*.

This work, and the Palaszczuk Government's \$40 million commitment to a capital program in 2019, is particularly important given the Federal Coalition Government decision to end a 50-year commitment to remote housing by not renewing the National Partnership on Remote Housing. The Palaszczuk Government stepping up to the plate is not a substitute for new Commonwealth investment or an invitation for the Commonwealth to walk away.

The Queensland Government has a strong record of acting to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. In 2018-19 the Queensland Government build 16 new dwellings across the communities of Doomadgee, Cherbourg and Yarrabah. Across the social housing portfolio over 20 per cent of households are occupied by someone who identifies as an Indigenous Australian.

Mr Gooda led a state-wide consultation over six weeks throughout November and December 2018. Eight yarning circles were held across the State with over 200 participants with 80 organisations represented. The yarning circles built on the Queensland Housing Strategy consultation in 2016, which included 806 responses, from 1,500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders about housing matters. In addition, consultation was also undertaken with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Mayors, Indigenous Community Housing Organisations and peak bodies on the Action Plan.

The *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023* (the Action Plan) was launched on 14 June 2019. The Action Plan comprises of \$67.1 million over four years to respond to the unique housing experiences and aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders.

The Action Plan will deliver place-based, person-centred responses, and a stronger sector to improve housing and related outcomes for First Nations Queenslanders in urban, regional and remote areas.

The Action Plan directly supports the Queensland Government's commitment to reframing the relationship with First Nations Queenslanders. Key deliverables include:

- developing up to 30 local housing plans in urban, regional, remote and discrete communities;
- strengthening our service offer by ensuring social housing policies recognise cultural responsibilities; and
- establishing a housing body to work with Indigenous Community Housing Organisations and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Councils to improve outcomes.

The Action Plan is part of Queensland's broader investment in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing and homelessness services of \$898 million over four years (2019-2023).

The Queensland Government has allocated \$271.8 million through 2019-20 Budget to improve housing outcomes across Queensland for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, including:

- \$171.3 million to improve social rental housing and deliver housing services;
- \$40.1 million to improve state-owned and managed Indigenous housing across Queensland;
- \$35 million for the first year of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Action Plan 2019-2023*, including \$28 million of a \$40 million remote capital program;
- \$16.5 million to support private home ownership for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples;
- \$8.9 million to deliver homelessness responses including construction of crisis shelters in Pormpuraaw and Woorabinda; and
- approximately 27 new homes will be constructed in 2019-20, building on the 246 the dwellings the Queensland Government has funded since 2008 (to 30 June 2018).

Other key Indigenous commitments under the *Queensland Housing Strategy 2017-2027* include:

- \$75 million, over five years, to assist residents of discrete communities to achieve home ownership. The department is working with councils, trustees and local stakeholders to resolve outstanding entitlements to home ownership and provide new opportunities. As at 12 July 2019, 89 social housing properties had been transferred or sold into private home ownership in the Aboriginal communities of Yarrabah, Lockhart River, Napranum, Kowanyama and Doomadgee, and in the Torres Strait communities of Poruma, Badu, Warraber, Mabuia, St Pauls and Hammond Island since 7 October 2014.
- \$12 million commitment under the Housing Construction Jobs Program to construct NRL Cowboys House, Girls Campus which was opened in January 2019 and currently has 31 young women in residence, with a full complement of 50 to be reached in Term 1, 2020.

The Queensland Government has pledged to provide up to \$1.08 billion, over the 10 years to 2028, for better housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders living in remote communities. The 2019-20 State Budget included a total of \$228.3 million for remote housing. Following the recent Federal Election, urgent discussions with the Australian Government are being sought to clarify its commitment to funding for remote housing.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 7 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister provide an update on the number of jobs in the construction industry that have been supported through the Palaszczuk Government's Housing Construction Jobs Program?

ANSWER

The Housing Construction Jobs Program is a key initiative of the Palaszczuk Government's Queensland Housing Strategy which will provide a \$1.6 billion investment to deliver more social and affordable housing over 10 years across the State.

The program focuses on providing more housing in key population and economic growth areas to help address the State's long-term housing needs by supporting and accelerating new construction and precinct development while supporting job creation in the construction industry.

As at 30 June 2019, the Housing Construction Jobs Program has supported approximately 1,307 full-time equivalent construction industry jobs and generated a broader economic impact regionally of more than 7,500 jobs supported through contractors and people engaged as a result of projects since the program began in 2017/18.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 41 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister update the Committee on how the RTA is preparing to address the challenges facing renters and property owners into the future?

ANSWER

Renting is an important housing option for many Queenslanders, and most people will rent for part, or all, of their adult lives. Many people also see investing in rental properties as a way of securing their financial future.

More than one third of Queensland households rent (34.2 per cent at 2016 Census) and this number is increasing. As the number of Queenslanders who rent continues to grow, we need to ensure our renting laws support access to a safe, secure and sustainable home in a stable rental market.

As part of the Palaszczuk Government's commitment to improving renting in Queensland, state-wide consultation was undertaken in late 2018, with more than 135,000 responses received outlining the challenges and opportunities for reform of tenancy legislation that the Government is committed to delivering.

The Residential Tenancies Authority (RTA) supported the consultation by working in collaboration with the Department of Housing and Public Works. The RTA played an integral role in the consultation with dedicated RTA staff participating in 20 community and industry face-to-face consultations throughout Queensland.

As the statutory authority that administers Queensland's tenancy legislation, the RTA will play a pivotal role in ensuring information, advice and support is provided state-wide to the rental sector and community regarding these improvements.

On 1 July 2019, the RTA launched its four-year Strategic Plan with a focus on providing targeted services to meet the needs of all Queenslanders.

In support of *Our Future State: Advancing Queensland's Priorities* to "Be a responsive Government", these services include providing easy and accessible 24/7 digital services, and targeted resources to assist Queenslanders who have limited digital literacy or access.

The RTA on 24 June 2019 released its new online Bond Lodgement services which allows anyone looking to lodge a bond the ability to do so digitally anywhere, anytime.

Since the RTA launched the new online Bond Lodgement service in recent weeks, more than 1800 people have accessed the service.

As part of a staged rollout over the coming months, the RTA is also developing digital services for a number of the RTA's most commonly used processes including bond refund requests, dispute resolution requests relating to rental bonds, and updating customer details.

Further, the RTA will ensure sufficient resources are also targeted towards supporting vulnerable members of the Queensland renting community who require tailored assistance for their circumstances. For example, the RTA is implementing improved strategies to support people affected by domestic and family violence situations.

In the coming months the RTA will increase its proactive release of free information data to assist the renting community in assessing critical factors relevant to their housing and rental decisions. For example, a tenant will be able to use the free tools available on the RTA website to assess the average price for a rental property in a particular suburb or compare multiple areas. A lessor or housing provider may use the RTA's data to determine an appropriate rental price for their property or determine their preferred area for housing investment.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 8 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister provide an update about how the Palaszczuk Government's 2019-20 budget is delivering local sporting infrastructure across Queensland?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government's 2019-20 budget continues to deliver for local sporting clubs across Queensland in the delivery of local infrastructure to help get more people out and active.

As part of the delivery of the *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029* strategy the 2019-20 budget funded 42 local sporting infrastructure projects across Queensland that will provide quality, fit-for-purpose, safe and accessible places and spaces that enhance and improve community physical activity outcomes.

In addition, the 2019-20 budget funds, as part of *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029*, an infrastructure program of \$149.7 million including:

- \$46.4 million that will support new and existing programs and initiatives to build, upgrade and improve sport and recreation infrastructure:
 - \$27.4 million of this includes funding committed under previous programs.
 - \$4 million of this is allocated to support *Activate! Queensland's* 4-year \$15 million investment under the Community Use of Schools initiative, opening more school infrastructure in partnership with the Department of Education, P&C Associations and after school care providers.
 - \$15 million of this is allocated under *Activate! Queensland* for community infrastructure solutions. With an investment of \$40 million over 3 years, this initiative will deliver up to 150 infrastructure projects across Queensland.
- \$22.4 million of capital investment supports finalising the delivery of the Government's commitment to delivering community infrastructure at Underwood Sports Park, the University of the Sunshine Coast Stadium and Zillmere Sports Centre.
- \$21.6 million is also allocated to enhance state owned facilities on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts and in Townsville, ensuring they continue to deliver quality sport and active recreation experiences.

- \$56.3 million capital outlay contributes to maintaining major sporting and entertainment infrastructure. This includes \$35 million in fan experience enhancements to The Gabba.
- \$3 million in 2019-20 to upgrade and re-furbish the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre as part of a total \$10 million upgrade.

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QUESTION

With reference to Budget Paper 4 will the Minister update the Committee on how the Palaszczuk Government is ensuring the iconic Gabba Stadium continues to be a nation-leading facility?

ANSWER

The Gabba is an icon of Queensland, home to the Brisbane Lions, the Australian Cricket team, the Brisbane Heat and the Queensland Bulls and Fire cricket clubs, and with the best cricket wicket in the world.

First established in 1895, the 42,000 seat venue boasts unrestricted views of the playing surface from all seating areas and is part of a precinct under rapid transformation through the Cross River Rail development.

The Gabba has hosted countless major events including cricket, AFL, baseball, rugby league, rugby union, Olympic soccer and most recently Adele and Taylor Swift concerts.

The Palaszczuk Government is ensuring it will retain its status as Australia's premier oval venue with a \$35 million upgrade included in this year's budget. The \$35 million commitment was based on preliminary advice regarding upgrades that will align to higher expectations directed at improving spectator experiences.

Fan experience and engagement will be at the heart of the refurbishments, with enhancements to entries and ticketing areas, public concourses, food and beverage outlets, high use public amenity areas and media and corporate spaces.

Planning has now begun to ensure minimal disruption for fans with the project expected to be complete in time for the Twenty20 World Cup in October 2020.

Off the back of the investment, Cricket Australia confirmed confidence in The Gabba and will host the first Test in the 2021-22 Ashes series and it is expected this investment will help ensure Queensland continues to lock in other premium events.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 18 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister provide an update about how Stadiums Queensland is implementing the recommendations of the Stadiums Taskforce Report?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government response to the Stadium Taskforce Interim Report required a number of Queensland Government agencies to undertake immediate action to address urgent concerns and allow hirers to plan for the 2018-19 sport seasons.

Since the release of the Government Response to the Stadium Taskforce Interim Report, Stadiums Queensland (SQ) has:

- reached agreement with the AFL to reduce the sinking fund payment requirements associated with the AFL's lease of Metricon Stadium, reducing costs for the Gold Coast Suns;
- provided an even-playing field for all multi-year venue hirers in south east Queensland by implementing a \$3.10 per attendee transport fee cap for integrated ticketing costs at Suncorp Stadium, The Gabba, Cbus Super Stadium and Metricon Stadium;
- reduced red tape associated with traffic management by supporting the Department of Transport and Main Roads to upgrade the Traffic Management Plans at Cbus Super Stadium, Metricon Stadium, The Gabba and Suncorp Stadium;
- facilitated additional game day parking at Cbus Super Stadium by reaching agreement with Translink to access car spaces at Robina Train Station
- released an expression of interest for The Gabba naming rights; and
- ensured service requirements, such as police, traffic management and transport, for the new North Queensland Stadium are considered throughout the design and construction of the stadium.

The interim report also made recommendations focused on ensuring The Gabba remains one of Australia's premier stadiums.

SQ is participating in a working group with the Cross River Rail Delivery Authority to inform its master planning related to The Gabba precinct to enhance access to the stadium.

Future enhancements made to The Gabba precinct associated with the Cross River Rail development will build upon the Government's investment of \$35 million for internal upgrades to enhance the fan experience at the venue and help secure key event and sporting content now and into the future.

The response to the Final Taskforce Report was released as part of the *Activate! Queensland 2019-2029* strategy on 27 July 2019.

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THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

With reference to page 4 of the Department of Housing and Public Works SDS, will the Minister provide an update on the progress of the construction of the North Queensland Stadium?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk government is on track to deliver the world-class North Queensland Stadium in February 2020 ahead of the Elton John *Farewell Yellow Brick Road* concert and the 2020 National Rugby League Premiership season with 67 per cent of construction complete as at 16 July 2019.

Current key construction activities include the main stadium roof installation and fit out of the western stand incorporating corporate box areas, media facilities, function rooms, stadium staff area, players changing rooms, warm up facilities, main catering on the ground floor as well as the corporate entrance.

The installation of seat supports and rails is scheduled to commence in late July/early August with the seats expected to be installed from mid-September.

The steel framing and internal wall framing for the food and beverage outlet will continue into the eastern stand. Specialist roof fabric that will cover the steel peaked sections will be progressively installed from August.

Providing employment for locals is a key priority for the Queensland Government. The design and construction of North Queensland Stadium is supporting 750 jobs during the life of the project.

Work on the stadium has seen \$152.1 million invested to date in local businesses and an estimated 480 local businesses engaged in the extended supply chain including businesses such as Townsville's Mendi Group which employs 70 locals who have been awarded the Pitch Works trade package for the stadium. Mendi Group has been servicing the local community for over 50 years and will expand its local workforce as well as its expertise to deliver pitch works including irrigation and subsoil drainage systems for the stadium

As at 16 July 2019, 93.7 per cent of construction work hours on the stadium have been completed by local subcontractors and 88.8 per cent of workers inducted on the North Queensland Stadium site live in the North Queensland region. The Palaszczuk Government's investment in the stadium is also supporting the training of the next generation of skilled tradespeople with 77 apprentices and 10 trainees gaining valuable skills and experience delving the stadium.

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QUESTION

With reference to page 54 of the Capital Statement in relation to female friendly facilities, can the Minister advise a) which facilities were upgraded 2018/19 and b) which facilities are earmarked to be upgraded in 2019/20 (reported separately by facility and with details of the cost of each upgrade)?

ANSWER

Under the Female Facilities Program \$15.2 million was approved in 2018 for 45 projects to develop functional and inclusive female change rooms and amenities that meet the current and future needs of sport and recreation participants.

As at 30 June 2019, over \$8 million of approved funding has been paid across the 45 projects.

As at 30 June 2019:

- a) construction had been completed on 12 projects
- b) remaining 33 projects are on track to be completed in 2019-20.

a) Female Facilities Program - Construction Complete 2018-19

Project Name	Approved Funding
Across The Waves Sports Club Inc	\$500,000
Burleigh Heads Rugby League Football Club Inc.	\$412,198
Capalaba District Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc.	\$498,230
Capricorn Coast Football Club Inc.	\$199,925
Football Queensland FNQ Ltd	\$500,000
Gladstone Harbour City B.M.X. Club Incorporated	\$75,770
Mt Gravatt Australian Football Club Inc.	\$257,731
Noosa District Softball Association Inc	\$199,946
Tamborine Pony Club Inc.	\$107,075
Townsville Hockey Association Incorporated	\$434,623
Victoria Park Gymnastic and Trampoline Club Incorporated	\$111,880
Warwick Golf Club Inc.	\$59,380
Total	\$3,356,758

b) Female Facilities Program – Anticipated Completion 2019-20

Project Name	Approved Funding
AFL Cairns Limited	\$365,900
Beenleigh Multisports Association Inc.	\$500,000
Bli Bli Branch Little Athletics Centre Inc.	\$271,500
Brisbane Women's Hockey Association Inc.	\$498,000
Cairns Regional Council	\$480,000
Colleges Rugby Union Club Incorporated	\$199,944
Darling Point Sailing Squadron Inc.	\$329,835
Dundowran Equestrian Park (Hervey Bay) Association Inc.	\$158,688
Football Queensland Ltd	\$500,000
Gold Coast District Cricket Club Incorporated	\$500,000
Gympie United Fc Inc.	\$44,950
Hawks Sporting Club Inc.	\$497,482
Hockey Queensland Inc.	\$481,117
Inala Wangarra Inc.	\$500,000
Ipswich City Council	\$436,569
Jimboomba Redbacks Australian Football Club Incorporated	\$500,000
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	\$500,000
Logan City Netball Association Inc	\$366,000
Logan Lightning FC Inc.	\$464,075
Mackay Netball Association Inc.	\$500,000
Malanda Swimming Club Inc.	\$289,100
Mount Isa Hockey Association Incorporated	\$113,095
Palm Island Aboriginal Council	\$351,000
Peninsula and Districts Football And Sporting Club Incorporated	\$169,911
Redlynch Valley Tennis Club Inc.	\$178,964
Rochedale Tigers Rugby League Football Club Inc.	\$500,000
Rockhampton Regional Council	\$489,083
Suncoast-Hinterland Softball Association Inc.	\$476,946
Surfers Paradise Rugby Union Club Incorporated	\$180,850
The Young Men's Christian Association Of Brisbane	\$113,750
Tweed Coolangatta Junior Australian Football Club Inc.	\$500,000
Western Districts Netball Association Incorporated	\$95,677
Wilston Grange Australian Football Club Inc.	\$277,011
Total	\$11,829,447

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QUESTION

With respect to page 13 of the Departmental SDS Services for Government procurement and also page 34 the QBCC Overview, can the Minister advise if in the interests of ensuring the best possible outcomes for agencies, taxpayers, and subbies the practice whereby Government agencies continue negotiating procurement agreements with contractors while they are under suspension by the QBCC has been reviewed and if so, what were the outcomes?

ANSWER

The whole-of-government Prequalification (PQC) System is a risk management tool that is integral to the Capital Works Management Framework which manages the risks in the planning and delivery of Queensland Government building projects. The PQC System is a central register of prequalified building contractors and consultants for use by government departments for building contracts valued at over \$1 million. It does not apply to statutory bodies and government owned corporations.

When a prequalified contractor has their building licence suspended or cancelled by the Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC), their registration in the PQC System is immediately made “inactive” and the contractor is not eligible to tender on, or be awarded, a government building contract procured through the PQC System.

To enhance its effectiveness as a risk management tool, the PQC also has a “seek advice” flag which can be applied to a prequalified contractor’s registration to alert government procurement officers of concerns with the contractor including financial or performance issues, or that the contractor is subject to a formal review and sanctions process.

It is a requirement under the *Queensland Building and Construction Act 1991* (QBCC Act) that a person only contract with a licensed contractor for building work as defined under *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991* (QBCC Act).

It is important to note that, where the QBCC has decided to suspend or cancel a license, the licensee has a right under the QBCC Act to seek a review of a suspension decision in the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal. The licensee may also seek a stay of QBCC’s suspension decision which, if granted by the Tribunal, the licensee continues to hold a licence and can legally operate during the stay period.

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
ESTIMATES PRE-HEARING QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. NG03
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

Reference is made to Departmental SDS page 13 Services for Government 2019-20 service area highlights point one – ensuring time and cost parameters for major projects such as the North Queensland Stadium are appropriately met. Can the Minister advise why this project is already \$40 million over budget from the business case?

ANSWER

The design and construction of the \$290 million North Queensland Stadium continues to be a catalyst for the Townsville economy and aims to maximise employment and business opportunities for the people of Townsville and the North Queensland Region,

Underpinned by the Palaszczuk Government's *Buy Queensland* procurement approach, this investment is delivering more secure, quality, local jobs and safe workplaces for Queenslanders; supporting 750 jobs over the life of the project.

As at 16 July 2019:

- 93.7 per cent of construction hours are by local subcontractors;
- 95 per cent of training hours are by local workers;
- 77 apprentices and 10 trainees are working to deliver the stadium;
- an estimated 480 local businesses have been engaged in the extended supply chain; and
- \$152.1 million has been invested in local businesses.

The variation to the Guaranteed Contract Sum (GCS) for the North Queensland Stadium to implement of Buy Queensland – Best Practice Principles (BPP) ensures that workers on the North Queensland Stadium operate under best practice workplace health and safety systems and standards and that there is focus on providing jobs and training for apprentices and trainees.

The GCS variation also delivers improved wage outcomes for the local Townsville workforce, ensuring that a tradie in Townsville gets paid the same as a tradie in South East Queensland.

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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No. NG04
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

With respect to page 4 of the Departmental SDS Key Priority and the Open Doors to Renting Reform campaign, can the Minister outline the proposed consultation process for the foreshadowed changes to Queensland's rental laws before any form of legislation is introduced?

ANSWER

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to creating a contemporary legislative framework that provides better protections for tenants and property owners and improves housing stability in the rental market.

The Department of Housing and Public Works partnered with the Residential Tenancies Authority to conduct the Open Doors to Renting Reform consultation program between 30 September and 30 November 2018. The Open Doors consultation was strongly supported with over 135,000 responses received from tenants, property owners, property managers and the broader community about their rental experiences.

The department is developing a workable and fair reform package. As outlined in the Queensland Legislation Handbook in section 4.6 any proposed legislation before the Parliament undergoes an examination by the relevant portfolio committee, including public and stakeholder engagement, before being introduced as law.

The Palaszczuk Government will consider the impact of any reforms on the rental sector before any changes are made to residential tenancy laws.

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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No. NG05
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

In terms of page 8 of the Departmental SDS Building Policy reforms arising from the Queensland Building Plan 2017 and also to the QBCC Overview and service Summary on page 34 - can the Minister advise when the findings of the Building Industry Fairness Implementation and Evaluation Panel will be tabled in Parliament, along with the revised commencement date for extending the Project Bank Accounts (PBA) scheme to all projects?

ANSWER

The Building Industry Fairness Implementation and Evaluation Panel provided its report and recommendations to the Government on 29 March 2019. The report is currently being considered by Government and will inform the next steps for the security of payment reforms, including wider roll-out of Project Bank Accounts.

Consistent with the requirements of the *Building Industry Fairness (Security of Payment) Act 2017* s200A(5), the report will be tabled in the Legislative Assembly as soon as practicable after the review is completed.

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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No. NG06
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

Reference is made to the Departmental SDS page 7 Services for Queenslanders, specifically improving housing outcomes and ask –

- a) how many complaints about tenants in government housing relating to illegal activity were received by the Department in 2018-19;
- b) how many of these led to eviction/removal from their Departmental property;
- c) how many of those were subsequently given any other form of public housing assistance; and
- d) how many properties required decontamination work after the eviction and what was the cost involved?

ANSWER

- a) 431 complaints have been received regarding alleged illegal activity, relating to 338 tenancies. Complaints received relating to alleged illegal activity are subject to investigation under the department's Fair Expectations of Behaviour Policy. All complaints received are not necessarily substantiated.
- b) Following investigation by local Housing Services Centres via the Fair Expectations of Behaviour Policy, 51 of 338 tenancies have ended for a range of reasons, with 12 of these tenancies ending due to action taken by the department in accordance with provisions under the *Residential Tenancies and Rooming Accommodation Act 2008*.
- c) Zero out of the 12 tenancies have received further public housing assistance.
- d) Two of the 12 ended tenancies required remediation after the tenancy ended due to some presence of drug residue, at a total cost of \$14,541.

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No. NG07
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

Reference is made to the SDS page 13 Services for Government specifically Digital Services, and also to the (data centre) services provided by CITEC page 55 and I ask can the Minister provide the maintenance costs for the TMR's TRAILS system for the last three financial years?

ANSWER

The Transport Registration and Integrated Licensing System (TRAILS) is managed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads.

CITEC provides a range of digital services to TMR including mainframe and network services.

Questions regarding maintenance costs for the TRAILS system should be referred to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads.

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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No. NG08
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

With respect to page 11 SDS Services for Queenslanders – Digital and Information

- a) how much has been allocated for the one-stop-shop for government services initiative in 2019-20?
- b) can the number of transactions passing through the one-stop-shop government services facility be provided by agency break-down for the 2017-18 and 2018-19 years?

ANSWER

- a) The One-Stop Shop began in October 2013 as a limited life program, which formally finished on 30 June 2018. No further funding has been allocated for the one-stop-shop for government services initiative. Most One-Stop Shop products and services are now managed or delivered by Smart Service Queensland, the integrated whole-of-government service provider.

The program developed digital capabilities and improvements to services, with a particular focus on making services available online. This work formed the foundation of the Advancing Queensland Priority to “Be a responsive Government”.

In 2019-20, funding of \$65.5 million over four years has been allocated.

- b) A table is provided below of interactions for each department or other external client across each customer service delivery channel; phone (13QGOV), counter (Queensland Government Agent Program and Queensland Government Service Centres) ,online (qld.gov.au) for 2017-18 and 2018-19.

Department / Client	Service Delivery Channels									
	Phone*		Counters		Online (visits) ***		Card Fulfilment		Concessions provided **	
	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19	2017-18	2018-19
Infrastructure and Planning										
Department of the Premier and Cabinet	1,527	1,112								
Department of Transport and Main Roads	444,408	482,954	90,430	61,184						
Public Safety Business Agency	1,697	1,187								
Public Service Commission	3	25								
Queensland Building and Construction Commission		9,010 ¹								
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services	23,797	26,937								
Queensland Health	433,228	486,210								
Queensland Police Service	6,096	4,864	377	347						
Queensland Treasury	846,786	796,645	1,385	1,410						
Statutory Authorities	4,351	3,279	1,397	1,332 ²						
Trade and Investment Queensland		126								
Whole of Government	246,507	127,356			74,570,516	82,748,831				
Federal Government			1,955	2,076						
Private Organisations			2,492	1,923						
Total Interactions	3,673,268	3,037,287	277,240	229,886	74,570,516	82,748,831	56,360	55,677	2,998,164	1,065,425

* The decrease in phone interactions in 2018-19 does not represent a drop in actual customer phone calls; it is representative of a reduction in the number of different scripts accessed during a phone call resulting from the implementation of the new scripting solution.

** The 2018-19 result for Concessions provided has not been updated for the June 2019 quarter which will include the Asset Ownership Dividend which is payable to all Queensland electricity account holders. It is anticipated that the 2018-19 total figure will be similar to the 2017-18 result.

***The Online (visits) 2018-19 figure does not include hpw.qld.gov.au, or any of the other departmental websites; this figure is sessions for any Single Website Experience (SWE) related websites which includes Franchise content on www.qld.gov.au, and some transactional based websites (eg. smartjobs; rego payments), including some of which are owned by HPW.

¹This figure is for Safer Buildings

²This figures does not include SQ, QBCC or RTA

TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
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No. NG09
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

I refer to page 13 of the SDS in relation to the completion of major government projects and ask the Minister to provide completion dates for the following projects –

- a) North Queensland Stadium;
- b) The Gabba refurbishment;
- c) Zillmere Sports Centre;
- d) Underwood Sports Park;
- e) University of the Sunshine Coast Stadium; and
- f) Cairns Convention Centre expansion?

ANSWER

- a) The North Queensland Stadium is on schedule to be ready to host the Sir Elton John concert in February 2020, and then the opening round of the 2020 National Rugby League Premiership Season.
- b) The Gabba refurbishment works are anticipated to be completed in time for the International Cricket Council Twenty20 World Cup to be held in October 2020.
- c) Zillmere Sports Centre is scheduled for completion in March 2020.
- d) Underwood Sports Park is scheduled for completion in February 2020.
- e) University of the Sunshine Coast Stadium was completed on 25 May 2019.
- f) Cairns Convention Centre expansion is forecast for completion in early 2022.

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No. NG10
Asked on 28 June 2019

THE TRANSPORT AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE ASKED MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (HON M DE BRENNI) —

QUESTION

I refer to page 19 of the SDS regarding the Departmental budget summary and ask the Minister to provide the department's actual expenditure on external consultants in 2018/19 and the budget for 2019/20 (reported separately)?

ANSWER

The department's unaudited actual expenditure on external consultants in 2018-19 is \$4,421,529.33, excluding GST.

The department's budgeted expenditure on external consultants for 2019-20 is \$750,000.00, excluding GST.