

Question on Notice
No. 578
Asked on 21 April 2005

Mr QUINN asked the Premier and Minister for Trade (Mr Beattie) -

Will he list and provide details (source document, program/fund/strategy, commitment, cost, expected completion date [month/year], the progress made and expenditure to date) to fulfil each election commitment made by the Government for each State electorate [reported separately] within the Gold Coast region during and in the lead-up to the 2004 State Election?

ANSWER:

During the last State Election, I released a Beattie Plan for the Gold Coast on 25 January 2004 (attached). The Beattie Plan for the Gold Coast was released to the media and the public. The Beattie Plan contains the key commitments for my Government on the Gold Coast.

Since 1998 the Queensland Government has developed a reputation for delivering on its promises and is judged in every electorate at every election on whether it has done so.

In most cases the plan is due to be delivered by the end of this three-year term and the individual promises are in various stages of being delivered.

There are a few exceptions, such as the promise to deliver a specific number of extra teachers within four years, where it was made clear in the document at the time that the timeframe was longer than three years.

BUILDING THE FUTURE

THE BEATTIE PLAN FOR
THE GOLD COAST

KEEP QUEENSLAND MOVING

25 January 2004

BUILDING THE GOLD COAST: BUILDING THE SMART STATE

The Gold Coast is renowned for its natural beauty, from the mountains and hinterland to its famous beaches.

With a population of around 425,000, the region is thriving. Over the next 20 years, the population is expected to grow at an annual rate of 2.4% -compared with 1.6% for the rest of the State.¹

The Gold Coast is world renowned as one of the tourism hubs of Australia, and the tourism industry continues to perform strongly. In terms of employment, retail trade, tourism, manufacturing, property and construction are key regional industries.²

Growing sectors include creative industries, education, environment, food, health, and medical, information and communication technology, marine and sport.³

¹ Department of Local Government & Planning, Population Trends and Prospects, 2001 edition, 2001 Geographical Boundaries (cited in LGA Profile – Gold Coast, January 2004, OESR)

² Department of Local Government & Planning, Population Trends and Prospects, 2001 edition, 2001 Geographical Boundaries (cited in LGA Profile – Gold Coast, January 2004, OESR)

³ Gold Coast City Council website, http://www.goldcoast.qld.gov.au/t_std2.asp?PID=196

\$577 million to build the Gold Coast's future development...

\$577 MILLION IN NEW INVESTMENTS

- \$247 million for the Gold Coast component of the CityTrain network upgrade
- \$123 million for strategic transport projects in 2004-05
- 3,118 new jobs with an investment of \$16.1 million
- Over \$49 million for education including 76 new teachers
- More than \$20 million for public housing projects in 2004-05
- \$23 million for health services, including 97 new nurses
- Over \$11 million for emergency services, including 34 new paramedics, new ambulance and fire facilities and new ambulances to improve response times
- The *Smart State Building Fund* will deliver over \$90 million, to improve services and infrastructure, as announced in December 2003.

A huge boost for local infrastructure ...significant improvement in services

A RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

- Boosting the Gold Coast Health Service District budget to over \$207 million a year
- Completing the \$55 million Gold Coast Hospital upgrade, including a \$20 million enhancement of the rehabilitation, endoscopy and orthopaedic outpatient areas
- Providing over \$94 million in capital and technology upgrades for schools
- Introducing tough anti-hooning laws
- More than \$56 million of the \$111 million committed by the Beattie Government for the Gold Coast Convention Centre has been spent
- Granting an \$8 million loan through the Pacific Film and Television Commission for sound stages at the Warner Roadshow Studios at Oxenford. The expansion will generate more than 2,500 new jobs and have a \$640 million impact on Queensland's economy
- \$230 million in transport infrastructure and services
- Developing the Gold Coast into the sports events capital of Australia with Government support for events such as the Lexmark Indy, Gold Coast Airport Marathon, Uncle Tobys Hardcourt Tennis, Magic Millions racing carnival and sales and the Australian women's golf open tournament.

NEW INVESTMENT AND SERVICES

Jobs growth

**More jobs
...lower
unemployment**

Employment in the Gold Coast district continues to grow strongly.

Since 1998, 35,490 of the 256,900 extra jobs created in Queensland have been on the Gold Coast. Under the Beattie Government, Queensland has been Australia's powerhouse for job creation, accounting for one in every four new jobs over the past five years.

The Queensland Government's *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative has contributed to jobs growth in the Gold Coast district by delivering 5,525 new jobs since 1998, when the Beattie Government took office.

While jobs growth and falling unemployment are welcome outcomes, much more needs to be done to bring unemployment down further.

As part of a continuing commitment to job creation, a re-elected Beattie Government will create a further 3,118 jobs in the Gold Coast district over three years under the *Breaking the Unemployment Cycle* initiative, at a cost of \$16.1 million.

Education.....see the future

Lower class sizes

**The Smart
State....more
teachers...
better
facilities**

We will employ up to 76 extra teachers in the Gold Coast North and South Education districts over the next four years at a cost of about \$15 million. This will help reduce Year 4-10 class sizes to the lowest in the country. It will also improve curriculum planning and development in large primary schools.

Two extra teachers will be employed this year to support the prep year trials at Arundel State School and Robina State School.

These teachers will be among the extra 3,000 teachers employed since the Beattie Government took office.

Creating 21st century classrooms

Over the next three years, the Beattie Government will distribute up to \$8.1 million in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) grants to Queensland state schools in the Gold Coast North and South Education districts.

Capital works

The Beattie Government will invest more than \$25 million in new and upgraded facilities in the Gold Coast region to give local students the best possible education, including:

- \$20 million for new stages at Upper Coomera State College, Pacific Pines State High School and Clover Hill State School
- \$3.6 million to replace the Coolangatta Special School
- \$1 million for additional classrooms at Ormeau State School
- \$510,000 to upgrade special education facilities and telephones at Beenleigh Special School
- \$250,000 for additional toilets and replacement telephones at Logan Village State School
- \$185,000 to upgrade special education facilities and replace telephones at Windaroo State School
- \$30,000 to replace telephones at Tallebudgera State School
- \$10,000 to replace telephones at Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre
- \$15,000 to replace telephones at Kumbari Avenue Special School.

Wired for the Future

The Beattie Government will invest \$1.67 million to increase the electrical capacity of schools under the three-year *Wired for the Future* Program at the following schools:

- Coomera State School – \$93,200
- Logan Village State School – \$77,200
- Ormeau State School – \$29,800
- Mount Warren Park State School – \$4,000
- Biggera Waters State School – \$61,500
- Coombabah State School – \$65,500
- Labrador State School – \$76,000
- Burleigh Heads State School – \$34,500
- Caningeraba State School – \$71,000
- Palm Beach State School – \$69,500
- Currumbin State School – \$42,800
- Tallebudgera State School – \$49,000
- Gaven State School – \$48,500
- Helensvale State High School – \$66,000
- Helensvale State School – \$69,000
- Nerang State School – \$56,200
- Oxenford State School – \$34,600
- Pacific Pines State School – \$7,000
- Gilston State School – \$42,800

- Mudgeeraba Creek State School - \$53,000
- Mudgeeraba State School – \$48,500
- William Duncan State School – \$86,800
- Worongary State School – \$37,700
- Broadbeach State School – \$100,000
- Merrimac State School – \$56,500
- Miami State School – \$24,200
- Robina State School – \$59,000
- Arundel State School – \$58,800
- Musgrave Hill State School – \$48,800
- Southport State School – \$42,000
- Bellevue Park State School – \$57,000

The funding will give schools the electrical capacity they need to plug into the internet and make better use of technology to educate students.

Transport.....strong foundations

**Safer and
more mobile
communities**

The Beattie Government will upgrade the CityTrain network at a cost of \$400 million, with the Gold Coast component to cost \$247 million. The Gold Coast line upgrade will slash waiting times and provide extra trains. There will be at least two extra peak-hour services. The size of trains will increase from three to six carriages for some services. The upgrade will provide capacity for an extra 1840 passengers each day or an extra 480,000 passenger trips each year.

The Beattie Government will significantly boost transport funding across the Gold Coast with an allocation of over \$123 million in 2004-05 as follows:

Roads

The Government will spend \$99.3 million in 2004-05 on state-controlled roads on the Gold Coast. Projects include:

- \$1.97 million to complete a \$2.3 million bridge project on the Swamp Gully-Cedar Creek Road section of the Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road by 2004-05
- More than \$6 million to complete works on the Pacific Motorway between Logan Motorway and Nerang by 2004-05
- \$1.49 million to complete widening of the existing Stapylton-Jacobs Well Road between Alberton and Ageston Road by 2004-05
- \$17.2 million to complete Stage 1 of the four-laning of the Brisbane-Beenleigh Road between Fletcher and Boundary streets by 2006-07
- \$400,000 to complete traffic concept planning on Frank Street, Labrador, by 2004-05 to address safety, congestion and access issues
- \$9.2 million towards the duplication of Hope Island Road from two to four lanes between Columbus Avenue and Lae Drive (2004-05)

- \$205,000 to build culverts on the Gold Coast Highway between Helensvale and Southport by 2004-05
- \$800,000 to complete concept planning by 2004-05 for the Hope Island Road between Pacific Motorway and Boykambil bridge
- More than \$2 million to start a \$3.3 million project for intersection upgrading on the Gold Coast Highway at Burleigh Town Centre
- \$733,000 to complete pavement reconstruction on the Pacific Motorway from Reedy Creek to Oyster Creek by 2004-05
- \$352,000 to complete greening works on the Gold Coast Highway between Broadbeach and Coolangatta by 2004-05
- \$2.18 million by 2004-05 to complete asphalt overlay of the southbound lanes between Tallebudgera Creek and Palm Beach on the Gold Coast Highway
- \$19 million to complete the Stewart Road interchange on the Pacific Motorway at the northern end of the Tugun Bypass in 2004-05
- \$500,000 to complete interchange improvement works on the Pacific Highway at Nielsen's Rd at a total cost of \$800,000 by 2004-05
- More than \$5.54 million to complete a \$6.3 million project by 2004-05 to duplicate the Beaudesert-Nerang Rd from two to four lanes between Oak Street and White Street
- \$4.5 million to complete intersection improvements at Ross Street on Nerang-Broadbeach Road by 2004-05
- More than \$1 million to complete asphalt resurfacing on the Pacific Motorway from Elysium Rd to Worongary Road (southbound) by 2004-05
- \$3.99 million to complete duplication of bridge and approaches at the Nerang River crossing at Royal Pines on the Labrador-Carrara Rd by 2004-05
- More than \$1 million to complete pavement rehabilitation on the Pacific Motorway between Worongary Creek and Springbrook overpass by 2004-05
- Almost \$900,000 to upgrade the Kuralboo Creek crossing on Springbrook Road by 2004-05
- \$100,000 for noise barriers on the Pacific Highway at Nerang South
- \$150,000 to start rehabilitation works on the Beenleigh Connection Road between George Street and Chapman Drive

Community Transport Partnerships

Under the Transport Infrastructure Development Scheme, we will provide over \$2 million in 2004-05 to the Gold Coast City Council for projects (some projects have already commenced with some funds already spent), including:

- \$104,000 to complete a \$208,000 project to provide a bus set-down and car park at Windaroo Valley
- \$135,000 to complete stage one of the bikeway between Paradise Point and Coolangatta by 2004-05
- \$112,500 to complete a \$425,000 bikeway between Drumfish Drive and Wendts Bridge by 2004-05

- \$57,500 to complete a \$115,000 project to provide a bus set down and carpark at St Augustine's Primary School, Galleon Way, by 2004-05
- \$10,000 to complete a \$20,000 project by 2004-05 for a right turn lane between Alexander Drive and Quigan Terrace
- \$255,000 to complete a \$510,000 project by 2004-05 to provide a bus set down area and car park at Emmanuel College, Carrara
- \$732,000 towards preliminary works on reconstruction of the Minnie Street intersection on Southport Nerang Road in 2004-05
- \$810,000 towards resurfacing works on Olsen Avenue between Musgrave Avenue and Parklands Drive
- \$20,000 to complete the modification of the left turn lane at Sunshine Boulevard and Sundowner Court, Mermaid Beach, by 2004-05
- \$41,500 to complete construction of a right turn lane at Markeri Street, Mermaid Waters
- \$34,500 to complete modification of a right turn lane at the Sunshine Boulevard and Markeri Street intersection at Mermaid Waters (2004-05)

Bus Services

The Beattie Government will provide \$6.84 million a year towards urban bus services on the Gold Coast. A further \$1.5 million over three years was recently announced by Premier Peter Beattie for a new service linking Griffith University with Ashmore, Benowa, Bundall and Broadbeach. The new services will provide greater access to one of Queensland's fastest-growing university campuses, supporting the Beattie Government's *Smart State* initiatives.

TransLink

The Beattie Government will contribute \$1.4 billion towards the implementation of an integrated public transport and ticketing system in South-East Queensland. This will make passenger transport more efficient, reliable and convenient for commuters on the Gold Coast.

Gold Coast Light Rail

The Beattie Government, in conjunction with the Federal Government and Gold Coast City Council, has undertaken a feasibility study of a light rail system on the Gold Coast. We are currently assessing a range of options, as well as the potential for delivery by a Public Private Partnership.

Southern Gold Coast Traffic Problems

The Beattie Government acknowledges the traffic congestion at the southern end of the Gold Coast. We have committed \$120 million for a Tugun Bypass and are currently reviewing and refining the eastern options to solve these problems.

Health... a focus on people

More Nurses

As part of a significant upgrading of nursing positions across the state, the Beattie Government will fund 97 new nurses over the next three years at the Robina Hospital, to work in the new Emergency Department, coronary care and intensive care unit facility. The total cost is more than \$16 million.

Better Facilities

The Beattie Government will establish a \$7 million cardiac catheter service at Gold Coast Hospital which will also become the teaching hospital for the new Griffith University Medical and Dental School.

Housing

The Government will allocate \$20.7 million in 2004-05 to provide more public housing for families on the Gold Coast, including:

- \$3.4 million for refurbishment of public housing interiors
- \$5 million to build new homes
- \$5.6 million for renewal of 60 homes
- \$3.2 million to buy land for future public housing construction
- \$3.5 million to buy properties for people with special needs

Improved emergency services

The Beattie Government will provide \$11 million over the next three years to improve emergency services on the Gold Coast, including

- 34 new paramedic positions to help save lives and maintain emergency response times. The \$5.8 million investment will also enhance the health and safety of paramedics
- \$1.5 million for a new ambulance station at Nerang to meet growing demand and improve response times in a high workload catchment
- More than \$1 million for 10 replacement ambulances to improve response times in the South East Region
- \$2.5 million to redevelop Southport fire station
- \$150,000 to upgrade Hollywell fire station

The Gold Coast Indy

The Beattie Government remains committed to the Gold Coast Indy. The 2003 Lexmark Indy 300 attracted a record crowd of more than 300,000 people and generated around \$60 million for the Gold Coast economy. The event has gone

from strength to strength with Beattie Government support and is now recognised as one of the world's most prestigious motor sports events. The Government also supports a range of other sporting events, through Queensland Events, which have helped make the Gold Coast Australia's sports events capital.

SMART STATE BUILDING FUND

In December 2003 the Beattie Government announced a \$1 billion package of strategic infrastructure investments targeted to support key services and projects across Queensland.

Smart State Building Fund snapshot: \$90 million for Gold Coast region

The Gold Coast's share of the Beattie Government's *Smart State* Building Funding is \$90 million. It will be spent on a range of areas in the Gold Coast region:

Smart schools shaping the Smart State

A major investment in local schools has been provided through the *Smart Schools Renewal Program* at:

- Beenleigh Special School – resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$100,000
- Cedar Creek State School – resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$102,000
- Jacobs Well Environmental Education Centre – classroom upgrade to support Food Technology initiatives – \$100,000
- Pimpama State School – resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$100,000
- Woongoolba State School – classroom upgrade to provide for practical learning activities – \$100,000
- Coombabah State School – major resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$692,000
- Coolangatta State School – classroom upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$100,000
- Palm Beach State School – major classroom upgrade to support arts initiatives – \$481,000
- Elanora State School – major classroom upgrade to support middle schooling and ICT initiatives – \$943,000
- Ingleside State School – classroom upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$100,000
- Tallebudgera State School – classroom upgrade to provide for practical learning activities – \$576,000
- Mudgeeraba Special School – upgrade to outdoor learning environment to support practical learning activities – \$100,000
- Numinbah Valley State School – classroom upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$100,000

- Merrimac State School – major resource centre upgrade to support ICT initiatives – \$567,000
- Miami State School – major resource centre upgrade to support multi-media initiatives – \$571,000
- Musgrave Hill State School – major classroom upgrade to provide for practical learning activities – \$447,000
- Bellevue Park State School – major classroom upgrade to support arts initiatives – \$414,000
- Benowa State High School – major classroom upgrade to support language immersion initiatives – \$686,000
- Surfers Paradise State School – major classroom upgrade to support arts initiatives – \$371,000.

Training for the Smart State

- \$25 million has been allocated to build a TAFE facility at Coomera to provide training for Smart State industries and initiatives attracted to the Gold Coast.

Core facilities upgrades

- Beenleigh Special School – administration upgrade – \$200,000
- Ormeau State School – administration upgrade – \$450,000
- Oxenford State School – administration upgrade – \$450,000
- Bellevue Park State School – library upgrade – \$300,000
- Benowa State School – administration upgrade – \$450,000.

Creating affordable public housing

- \$998,000 will be invested in public housing upgrades in the Gold Coast
- \$3.6 million for new singles accommodation.

Disability services

\$255,000 will be invested to upgrade disability facilities and equipment

Safer roads

- \$9.5 million will be provided for bus priority measures across the Gold Coast to improve flow conditions for buses, reduce congestion and improve safety. This includes bus priority measures on Smith Street, Southport, between Olsen Avenue and the Gold Coast Highway and along the Gold Coast Highway from Miami to Broadbeach
- \$17.15 million has been allocated to upgrade the Nerang-Broadbeach Road to four lanes between Ross Street and Neilsens Road
- \$2.8 million will be provided for improvements that will provide safer traffic movement, and reduce congestion on Frank Street. This will happen through

improvements to junctions between Loders Creek and Stevens Street, and at Central Street

- \$7.5 million to complete noise barriers on the Pacific Motorway
- \$14.2 million to complete the four-lane link on the Brisbane – Beenleigh Road between Brisbane and Beenleigh by 2006-07

Transport

- \$2 million to dredge the Coomera River and the north channel of the Broadwater
- \$1.796 million for new boating infrastructure on the Gold Coast
- \$9.5 million for bus priority works
- \$45,000 will be spent at the boat harbour at Southport to improve responses to oil spills. This will purchase a new boom, skimmer and pump to help alleviate the effect of an oil spill.

Protecting our Hinterland

- \$500,000 will be provided to build a visitor information centre in Springbrook National Park.

Investing in our health system

- \$9.5 million will be provided to upgrade Robina Hospital, which will include the establishment of a 20-bed Medical Inpatient Unit, the establishment of Emergency Services, and the commencement of full intensive care services.

Continuing our investment in tourism

- A further \$9 million investment in the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The capacity of the centre's main conference hall will be doubled from 3,000 sq m to 6,000 sq m to attract large conferences. This is in addition to \$102 million already committed to the project by the Beattie Government.

Tough on crime – safer communities

- \$2.6 million will be invested in new Neighbourhood Police Beats at Norfolk Village (Ormeau), Jacob's Well, Logan Village, Broadwater, Biggera Waters, Pacific Pines and Arundel
- \$2.4 million will be provided to accelerate work on improvements to the Southport Police Station

DELIVERING FOR THE GOLD COAST

Key Achievements 2001-2004

A strong record and commitment

The Gold Coast is a vital part of the Smart State. Not only does it offer citizens a lifestyle which is the envy of the rest of the nation and the world, but it continues to provide invaluable impetus and leadership to Queensland's ongoing development as the Smart State.

The Beattie Government has worked tirelessly to help expand the region's economy by supporting local industries. We are also providing the essential services and community infrastructure which keep our communities safe, healthy and prosperous. The Beattie Government's record of achievement demonstrates its commitment to ensuring the people of the Gold Coast can live life in the Smart State to the full.

Highlights

Health

The Beattie Government is continuing to deliver world-class health services to the people of the Gold Coast. The Gold Coast Health Service District budget is now more than \$207 million. Some of our major achievements in health over the past three years include:

- Completing the \$55 million Gold Coast Hospital upgrade, including a \$20 million enhancement of the rehabilitation, endoscopy and orthopaedic out patients areas
- Purchasing the private Robina Hospital to significantly add to the range of public health services on the Gold Coast
- Construction of a \$3.1 million new MRI unit at the Gold Coast Hospital, fulfilling an election commitment
- Funding of \$1.4 million to refurbish the acute mental health unit at Gold Coast Hospital
- Providing an extra \$500,000 for ophthalmology services on the Gold Coast
- Installing an \$11 million high-tech patient information system at Gold Coast Hospital
- Opening the Helensvale Community Health Centre, fulfilling an election commitment

**We have
been
building
momentum
for the future**

Education and training

The Beattie Government has ensured Gold Coast children have access to world-class education, investing more than \$94.4 million since 2001 in capital works and new technologies in local schools, including:

- \$11.7 million towards the \$20 million first stage of Clover Hill State School, which opens this year
- \$18 million towards the \$28 million first stage of Upper Coomera State College
- \$27 million towards the \$47 million Varsity College
- \$12.2 million on facilities at Pacific Pines State School
- \$7 million spent on further stages at Pacific Pines State High School
- \$2 million to complete a \$3 million refurbishment of Palm-Beach Currumbin State High School
- \$1.18 million for a teaching block at Helensvale State High School
- \$4 million to replace the manual arts building and refurbish Southport State High School
- \$2.6 million spent and committed on clearing outstanding maintenance at Gold Coast state schools under the Government's \$50 million Triple R Maintenance Program
- \$5.4 million in grants to Gold Coast state schools to buy more computers and boost the technology skills of students and teachers under the ICTs for Learning Strategy
- 538 extra computers to Gold Coast state schools most in need of improving their computer to student ratios

Training

The Beattie Government has continued to meet the Smart State training needs of the people of the Gold Coast through such investments as:

- More than \$84.5 million in 2003-04 for training delivery
- An estimated \$600,000 for Information & Communication Technology infrastructure development at the Gold Coast Institute of TAFE

Transport and Main Roads

The Beattie Government has helped keep the Gold Coast on the move. We have committed more than \$238.2 million to improve the road infrastructure in this region, including:

- \$5 million for Pacific Motorway Bikeway – first stage complete and the rest to be completed in 2004-05
- \$1.18 million to complete installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Broad Street/Marine Parade and Frank Street in 2004
- \$19 million for the Stewart Road interchange on the Pacific Motorway at the southern end of the Gold Coast
- \$12 million for duplication to four lanes between Nielsens Road and Witt Avenue bridges on the Nerang Broadbeach Road
- \$13.2 million towards a \$14.9 million project to widen the Southport - Burleigh Road to six lanes between Crombie Avenue and Boomerang Crescent
- \$2.3 million to replace the bridge at Currumbin Creek
- \$2 million for the construction of a bikeway at Holmview

Police and Emergency Services

Queensland has some of the most dedicated police and emergency services personnel in the world. Over the past three years, the Government has injected over \$207 million into emergency services in the South East Region. The Government has assisted our police and emergency services personnel in their vital role of protecting the people of this region through such initiatives as:

- The introduction in November 2002 of tough new laws to combat hooning and dangerous driving activities. Under this legislation, 266 cars have been confiscated within the Gold Coast Police District, the largest amount in any area of Queensland
- Formation of a 14-officer Tactical Crime Squad which focuses on tackling drug and property crime on the Gold Coast. During 2003, the squad charged more than 1,100 offenders with more than 1,600 offences, seizing drugs and recovering property worth nearly \$1 million
- Replacing the fire station at Surfers Paradise at a cost of \$3.7 million
- Completing the new ambulance station at Helensvale at a cost of \$948,000
- Completing the new ambulance station at Mudgeeraba at a cost of \$144,000

- Employing 41 new ambulance officers, including five communications officers
- Purchasing nine new ambulance vehicles

Community infrastructure

The Beattie Government recognises that building stronger and more supportive communities is the key to ensuring Queensland remains a great place to live, work and raise a family. Since 2001, the Government has enhanced the community infrastructure and services in this region through such initiatives as:

- Investing nearly \$70 million for housing and housing-related services
- Providing more than \$22 million in non-government services in child care, child protection and family support, domestic violence prevention and homeless support programs
- Contributing over \$15.5 million to support Gold Coast children and adults with a disability and their families
- More than \$6.6 million for community groups through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund
- Granting an \$8 million loan through the Pacific Film and Television Commission to allow construction of sound stages at the Warner Roadshow Studios at Oxenford. The expansion will generate more than 2,500 new jobs and have a \$640 million impact on Queensland's economy
- Committing more than \$111 million for the construction and extension of the Gold Coast Convention Centre
- More than \$21.5 million in community infrastructure funding through local government grants and subsidies
- Introducing the Drug Court, as part of our commitment to breaking the cycle of drug-related crime. Since 1999, a total of \$19.4 million has been allocated to the South East Queensland program operating out of Southport, Beenleigh and Ipswich
- Providing more than \$2 million to the Gold Coast Tourism Bureau since 2001 for the promotion and development of tourism and business events in the region
- Undertaking the \$18 million redevelopment of the Tallebudgera Outdoor Recreation Centre.