

## Question on Notice

No. 779

Asked on 25 June 2025

**MS W BOURNE** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS  
(HON B MICKELBERG)

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Ipswich to Springfield rail line, business case (QTRIP 2604930)—

Will the Minister (a) advise how much funding has been allocated in the 2025–26 financial year for the business case and (b) detail the activities to be undertaken in 2025–26?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to creating vibrant, well-connected communities. This includes ensuring the progression of timely planning to support growth in South East Queensland.

In the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2025–26 to 2028–29*, the Ipswich to Springfield rail line, business case project (Investment ID 2604930) is not contractually committed and has been published as a ‘planned investment’ with funding contributed by the Australian and Queensland governments and the Ipswich City Council (ICC), with planning due to begin in 2025–26.

The layout of *QTRIP 2025–26 to 2028–29* has changed as a result of implementing the recommendations from an independent review by respected infrastructure expert Mr Rodd Staples. The review examined how the Department of Transport and Main Roads manages the infrastructure pipeline and how the Queensland Government can better manage costs and risks across project lifecycles. The review highlighted opportunities to enhance how QTRIP is structured, introducing consistency in contract packaging and commercial models, and better risk management frameworks to help ensure a more robust and cost-effective delivery in the future.

The new QTRIP layout specifically categorises investments by ‘planned investments’ or ‘contractually committed investments’, with budgets only displayed for investments which have achieved contract award. This new format continues to provide useful information to support the industry, maintains transparency for all users of the document, and delivers improved competition and value for money by not publishing project budgets for planned investments.

My department has already initiated engagement with the Australian Government and ICC to commence discussions on scope and timing for the business case.