

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR J KELLY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, MANUFACTURING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of jobs that will be created in Queensland over the next 12 months by infrastructure projects supported by the government?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government recognises that infrastructure projects support jobs during construction and, more importantly, help create future jobs, attract and encourage private sector investment and increase the competitiveness of Queensland businesses and industries.

The 2018–19 Budget Paper 3 – Capital Statement outlines an \$11.6 billion infrastructure investment program estimated to support up to 38,000 jobs around the state.

The annual update of the State Infrastructure Plan outlines the Queensland Government's pipeline of projects across Queensland and funding for both small and large-scale infrastructure to meet the demands of our fast-growing state.

To date, the Building our Regions (BoR) program has allocated \$225 million across 174 projects in 62 local government areas – supporting the creation of 1,762 jobs.

The \$70 million BoR Round 4 program is currently underway and will support more essential infrastructure and jobs in Queensland's regions.

The number one infrastructure priority for Brisbane, Cross River Rail, is reaching the market and will generate 7,700 construction jobs, including 450 apprentice and training opportunities, throughout the life of the project.

The benefits of Cross River Rail extend beyond the project and will open further urban development opportunities, for example the proposed Brisbane Live project, an entertainment precinct over Roma Street train station, which is now in the business case phase.

While the Queensland Government is delivering projects around the state, it is also facilitating private sector investment to build projects like Brisbane's Queens Wharf integrated resort development and the International Cruise Ship Terminal at Luggage Point, which will both deliver long-term employment benefits to Queensland.

Over the next four years, the Queensland Government will continue to drive growth and support jobs in Queensland through our \$45.8 billion infrastructure commitment.