

Question on Notice

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Asked on 3 April 2019

MR D PEGG ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS (HON J TRAD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier provide an update on any benefits to the Stretton Electorate in the recent Federal Budget and advise of any alternative approaches?

ANSWER:

The Federal Government has once again overlooked Queensland, with its forecast surpluses coming at a cost to services and infrastructure for all Queenslanders.

In contrast, the Palaszczuk Government has committed to significant infrastructure investment benefiting Queenslanders in the Stretton Electorate and across the State.

The Federal Government recognised the need for better roads in Queensland but did not deliver. The Palaszczuk Government's investment into the M1 Master Plan includes several Pacific Motorway Upgrades that will benefit the Stretton Electorate by improving traffic flow, safety and reducing travel times.

However, Queensland continues to miss out on a fair deal. New South Wales (NSW) is receiving 80 per cent Federal funding towards the M1 whilst Queensland gets only 50 per cent.

While Queensland is promised \$4 billion in infrastructure funding, most of it will not be received until beyond the forward estimates period.

The Federal Budget's \$30 million local school community fund equates to only \$200,000 per federal electorate for schools to share. The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$250 million to provide the students of Queensland with world-class education infrastructure. This will directly benefit students within the Stretton electorate.

The Federal Government locked in \$316 million in cuts to Queensland hospitals. The Palaszczuk Government's Building Better Hospitals election commitment is delivering major redevelopments of Logan, Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals. People in the Stretton electorate will benefit from the 192 new beds for Logan Hospital.

The Federal Government has made future promises on infrastructure funding and marginal tax cuts that may never eventuate. It has failed to give Queensland the certainty and equity of funding that is needed to ensure quality service provision to our growing population.