

Question on Notice

No. 593

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

QUESTION:

Will the Treasurer commit to a ‘fair go’ for regional and rural motorists by bringing back the Queensland Fuel Subsidy scheme, at least for motorists outside the south east corner, in the 2019-20 State Budget?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government continues to invest in initiatives that reduce the cost of living for households and small businesses across all of Queensland. This includes \$5.6 billion in concessions provided in the 2018-19 Budget in areas such as electricity, water, transport, education and housing.

For remote and regional Queenslanders, the 2018-19 Budget provided \$461.8 million in electricity price concessions, ensuring all Queenslanders pay a similar price for electricity regardless of where they live.

Following two major reviews into the Queensland Fuel Subsidy Scheme, the scheme was abolished in 2009. It was clear from these reviews that Queensland motorists were not fully benefiting from the subsidy.