

Question on Notice

No. 558

Asked on Wednesday, 12 May 2021

MS A LEAHY asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (HON S MILES) –

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier advise why after six years in government, the Palaszczuk Labor Government has not provided a dedicated water and sewerage program for Local Governments to address the ageing infrastructure that breaks every 80 minutes?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to assisting Queensland councils meet the cost of replacing or upgrading critical infrastructure, including water and wastewater infrastructure.

That's why we've provided over \$1.1 billion to local governments since 2015 with \$246 million directly invested in water and wastewater infrastructure. This investment is delivered through programs such as the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program, Works for Queensland, Indigenous Councils Critical Infrastructure Program and COVID Works for Queensland.

Each individual council is responsible for determining the nature and priority for projects they nominate for funding under these programs. We also work with councils and the Local Government Association of Queensland to identify how to best support local infrastructure delivery into the future.