

Question on Notice
No. 578
Asked on 12 May 2021

Mr J Kelly asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk) —

QUESTION:

Will the Premier provide an update on any policies, programs or funding to support the ongoing development of the film and television industry in Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government is a strong and consistent supporter of the State's screen industry. Our State is globally renowned as a production location – more so now because of our unmatched COVID-safe reputation.

Launched in 2015, the Queensland Government has invested almost \$100 million under the Production Attraction Strategy (PAS). This has brought 41 national and international screen projects to Queensland, securing more than \$1 billion in investment to the state and creating approximately 13,000 jobs for Queensland cast and crew.

Following the election in 2020, we allocated an additional \$20 million in the current financial year to the PAS to help Queensland capitalise on the significant global demand for COVID-safe locations for screen productions.

To increase the capacity and quality of screen facilities across Queensland, the Government has also committed \$5 million towards building a television hub on the Gold Coast for national and international productions, and \$6.8 million for a new film studio for Far North Queensland in Cairns.

The Speaker of the Queensland Parliament and Member for Mulgrave, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, has recently taken on the role of the Far North Queensland Screen Champion to maximise industry opportunities in the region.

Working with key stakeholders, the Far North Queensland Screen Champion will work to grow investment in the Far North's screen sector, support jobs for local screen practitioners and help deliver the production facility in Cairns.