

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR S ANDREW ASKED THE MINISTER FOR RESOURCES (HON S STEWART)—

QUESTION:

With reference to coal mining in Queensland—

Will the Minister provide (a) a list of all new coal projects in Queensland and advise what stage each project is at, (b) a list of all funding allocations made by the Queensland Government to support the coal mine sector since 2015 (reported separately by year), (c) a list of all funding allocations made to ‘diversify’ and ‘transition’ communities away from coal since 2015 (reported separately by year) and (d) the year by which the government plans to shut down the coal sector altogether?

ANSWER:

(a) Proposed new coal projects in Queensland currently in application are shown below.

<i>Project Name</i>	<i>Project Status</i>
Alpha	Mining lease application
Baralaba South	Mining lease application
China First (Galilee Coal Project)	Mining lease application
Dawson West	Mining lease application
Fairhill	Mining lease application
Gemini	Mining lease application
Kevin's Corner	Mining lease application
Moorlands	Mining lease application
New Acland (Stage 3)	Mining lease application
Saraji East	Mining lease application
South Blackwater Coking Coal Project	Mining lease application
South Galilee (Epsilon)	Mining lease application
Springsure Creek	Mining lease application
Styx (Central Queensland Coal)	Mining lease application
The Range	Mining lease application
Valeria	Mining lease application
Wilton	Mining lease application
Winchester South	Mining lease application
Olive Downs	Approved mining lease Mining lease application

(b) The Queensland Government funds many projects and programs that support a range of industry and community sectors. For example, the Department of Resources provides grants that support Queensland’s resource exploration companies to grow and make the discoveries that will secure future resources for the benefit of the state.

The broad nature of this question, which relates to funding allocations made by the Queensland Government for the coal mine sector since 2015, goes beyond the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Resources. The data sought also spans funding allocations made over the previous seven years.

It is noted that information on individual funding allocations for individual agency programs and projects is publicly available through the Budget Papers for the relevant financial years. It is usually contained in the Budget Measures (Budget Paper 4) and individual agency Service Delivery Statements for each financial year.

Due to the whole-of-government nature of the question and the request for data over multiple years, it is not practical to link to particular pages or sections within these documents.

However, the documents are available at the following links:

- State Budget 2015-16 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2015-16/>
- State Budget 2016-17 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2016-17/>
- State Budget 2017-18 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2017-18/>
- State Budget 2018-19 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2018-19/>
- State Budget 2019-20 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2019-20/>
- State Budget 2020-21 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2020-21/>
- State Budget 2021-22 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2021-22/>
- State Budget 2022-23 - <https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2022-23/>

Additional information on funding allocations may also be contained in the Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review for each financial year which are publicly available at the following links:

- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2015-16 –
<https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/mid-year-review-2015-16.pdf>
- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2016-17 –
<https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/mid-year-review-2016-17.pdf>
- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2017-18 –
<https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/2017-18MYFER.pdf>
- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2018-19 –
https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/Mid-Year-Fiscal-and-Economic-Review-2018-19-Downloadable-PDF_3.pdf
- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2019-20 –
<https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/Mid-Year-Fiscal-and-Economic-Review-2019-20.pdf>
- Mid Year Fiscal and Economic Review 2021-22 –
https://s3.treasury.qld.gov.au/files/2021-22_Budget-Update_web.pdf

- (c) The government is developing a 30-year plan for the resources industry—the Queensland Resources Industry Development Plan. A draft plan was released for consultation in late 2021, with submissions closing in February 2022.

This draft plan has a key focus on growing and diversifying the resources industry and identifies growing Queensland's new economy minerals sector and supplying the minerals and materials the world needs to decarbonise as a significant opportunity for Queensland.

The draft plan also reiterated the government's position that all proposed coal projects must stack up socially, environmentally and economically, and that each project must proceed on its own merits, based on demand and economic viability, and meet the highest environmental and community standards.

- (d) There are no plans to shut the industry down. As noted in the draft plan, coal mining has contributed significantly to the Queensland economy, and is the dominant industry in many regions. It will continue to be a strength for Queensland over the coming years.