

Question on Notice
No. 1009
Asked on 12 September 2023

Mr R Stevens asked Premier and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise the amount of funding that has been provided to secure the Screen Forever event on the Gold Coast until 2026?

ANSWER:

Screen Forever remains Australia's top screen industry event where more than 1000 local and international practitioners converge on the Gold Coast to grow their networks and their business acumen.

Sponsorship of this event fosters connections between Queensland, interstate and international artists, and drives demand for Queensland content on national and international platforms.

I am advised by Screen Queensland that it will provide \$420,000 sponsorship per year as Principal Partner and host state to deliver Screen Forever for three years from 2024 to 2026.

The event also raises the profile and reach of Screen Queensland programs of support, ensuring industry development and provision of access to decision makers to help increase the production of Queensland-based content.

The Gold Coast screen industry is here to stay – the capital of Queensland and Australian film and television production. Almost half of the productions in Australia (48 per cent) over the last five years have been made here in Queensland according to the 'Study on the Impact of Film and Television Production Incentives in Australia' report to the Australia and New Zealand Screen Association in February 2023.

Partnerships like Screen Forever help to strengthen Queensland's screen industry. Since 2015, the Production Attraction Strategy has brought 56 interstate and international productions to the state, contributing more than \$1.8 billion to the local economy and creating more than 19,000 jobs for Queensland cast and crew.

I am advised that during the 2022-23 financial year, the Queensland Government, through Screen Queensland, supported 63 productions and digital games which injected \$582 million into the local economy and created more than 4000 jobs.