Question on Notice No. 1489 Asked on 16 November 2023

MR M HART ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM, INNOVATION AND SPORT AND MINISTER ASSISTING THE PREMIER ON OLYMPICS AND PARALYMPICS SPORT AND ENGAGEMENT (HON S HINCHLIFFE) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$15m Tourism Experience Development Fund—Will the Minister advise (a) the actual expenditure to date as at 30 June 2023, (b) the allocated expenditure to date for 2023-24 to 2027-28 (reported separately by financial year) and (c) the current full list of funding recipients?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND SPORT (HON M HEALY)]:

On 21 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Tourism and Sport and as such, I am now the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The Tourism Experience Development (TED) Fund (which closed on 26 August 2022) will provide over \$6.6 million for the Queensland Government to partner with the tourism industry and deliver new and enhanced tourism experiences across the State.

Regarding specific components of the question, I can advise:

- a) As at 30 June 2023, TED Fund actual grant expenditure was \$3.3 million.
- b) The TED Fund guidelines require projects to be completed by June 2025. Allocated TED Fund grant expenditure is as follows:
 - 2023-24: \$3.3 million.
 - 2024-25 to 2027-28: Nil.
- c) A full list of the TED Fund projects is available at https://www.dtis.qld.gov.au/tourism/funds/experience-development.

Unspent TED Fund allocations have been repurposed to enhance tourism initiatives across the State. Both the Visitor First Experience Fund and the Activate Ecotourism Initiative have been bolstered to support Queensland's tourism industry.