

**QUESTION ON NOTICE  
ASKED  
Thursday, 12 September 2024  
Answer Due: Monday, 14 October 2024**

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**MR J MCDONALD** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)

With reference to the government's election commitment to undertake an expressions of interest (EOI) process to partner with industry on coastal shipping proposals to establish a new Brisbane to Townsville service—

Will the Minister advise (a) when this EOI was undertaken, (b) the number of companies who responded and (c) the date that the new service commenced operation and (d) the government's financial commitment to this new service?

\* Please note that this question was not required to be answered due to the dissolution of the 57th Parliament on 1 October 2024.