

**Question on Notice
No. 1119
Asked on 28 November 2024**

Ms C McMillan asked Premier and Minister for Veterans (Hon. D Crisafulli)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training's Charter Letter 'Identify cost escalations and report to the Premier as required'—

Will the Premier advise the length of time between identifying cost escalations and notifying Queenslanders of those escalations?

ANSWER:

To date, the Government has publicly disclosed cost escalations for a range of projects, including Cross River Rail, the Pioneer-Burdekin and Borumba pumped hydro projects, CopperString, Gold Coast Light Rail, Cairns Marine Precinct, multiple health projects, water infrastructure and several Olympics infrastructure projects. A list of recently announced cost escalations is provided in Table 1.

Should further cost blowouts be identified, they will be considered and disclosed as and when appropriate. Given the hypothetical nature of the question, it is not possible to answer with a precise length of time.

Should the Member have any questions around specific projects, the Member should put those questions with the project details so that it can be answered without it being a hypothetical.

Table 1: Project cost overruns disclosed since 26 October 2024

Project	Cost Blowout
Cross River Rail	\$11.6 billion
Pioneer-Burdekin Pumped Hydro	\$24.77 billion
Borumba Pumped Hydro	\$4.2 billion
CopperString	\$2.8 billion
Water infrastructure (including Paradise Dam)	\$6.5 billion
Gold Coast Light Rail – Stage 3	\$330 million
Cairns Marine Precinct	\$466 million
Hospital Capacity Expansion Projects	\$6 billion

Sunshine Coast Olympic Minor Venues	\$181 million
Brisbane Arena	\$500 million