

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 126**  
**Asked on 5 March 2024**

**MR M CRANDON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND SPORT (HON M HEALY)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Paluma to Wallaman Falls trail—

Will the Minister advise when each of the following elements will be completed (a) trail design, (b) cultural and environmental assessments, (c) business framework and (d) any other work required before an investment decision can be made?

**ANSWER:**

The Paluma to Wallaman Falls trail is a proposed walking and mountain biking trail in North Queensland that was brought forward by Traditional Owner groups. The project involves working closely and collaboratively with the Traditional Owners particularly in this early investigative stage.

Project timeframes are impacted by the size of the project and the complexity of multiple assessments and approval pathways. It is also important to ensure that there is genuine engagement with stakeholders, local governments and the Traditional Owners, whilst protecting the World Heritage rainforest and National Park areas. Regarding the components of this question, I can advise the following:

- (a) This is expected by the end of 2024.
- (b) Engagement with Traditional Owners regarding this component is ongoing. These assessments are dependent on the outcomes from the above component.
- (c) The Department of Tourism and Sport has established a working group and steering committee that includes the Traditional Owners and the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation. This component is dependent on outcomes from the first part of this question.
- (d) As the project is in its early stages a range of investigative work (as detailed above) is required before an investment decision can be made.