

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 217**

**Asked on Thursday, 7 March 2024**

**MR S O'CONNOR** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L LINARD)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the \$12m funding for the eradication of yellow crazy ants announced in the Budget Measures of the 2022-23 Budget—

Will the Minister detail the funds expended to date (reported separately by year, and detail any funding received from the Australian Government)?

### **ANSWER:**

The Department of Environment, Science and Innovation manages the threat of yellow crazy ants in the Wet Tropics via the Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Program (the Program), delivered by the Wet Tropics Management Authority. Since 2016, the Queensland and Australian governments have collaborated to ensure the Program is funded to eradicate yellow crazy ants from within and adjacent to the Wet Tropics of Queensland World Heritage Area.

In the 2022-23 State Budget, the Queensland Government committed \$12 million over four years from 2022-23 for eradication of yellow crazy ants from the Wet Tropics World Heritage areas. The Australian Government have also confirmed funding of \$12 million over four years from 2022-23.

In 2022-23, \$2,793,816 in State and \$3,117,320 in Federal funding was expended on the Program.

In 2023-24 (to 29 February 2024), \$1,621,787 in State and \$2,834,828 in Federal funding has been expended on the Program.