

Question on Notice

No. 262

Asked on 19 March 2024

MR D PURDIE asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the Blue Heart project on the Sunshine Coast—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much state government funding has been allocated to it, (b) what this funding will be used for, (c) in what financial year/s this funding is allocated?

ANSWER:

\$15 million has been allocated to the Blue Heart project under the South-East Queensland (SEQ) City Deal, a joint initiative between the three tiers of government. The Department of Environment, Science and Innovation has also provided \$375,000 since 2019 through the State Government's Land Restoration Fund.

The SEQ City Deal funding will be used to expand the existing Blue Heart partnership and support delivery of the project's outcomes, including conservation, sport, water quality, and recreation. The Queensland Government Land Restoration Fund has been used to support scientific and cultural assessments to inform a pilot blue carbon project, including baseline environmental monitoring and hydrodynamic modelling.

The SEQ City Deal funding is allocated between the financial years 2023-24 and 2026-27, with payment timings driven by completion of delivery milestones.