

**Question on Notice
No. 285
Asked on 20 March 2024**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the (then) Premier's announcement in November of an additional \$15m for the Growing Future Tourism Fund, and to answer to Question on Notice No. 1270 of 2023 which indicates that this fund is part of the Tourism Experience and Infrastructure Grants Program— Will the Minister advise if the \$15m is new funding not previously contained within the budget or if it comes from the \$20m for the Tourism Experience and Infrastructure Grants Program already announced on page 93 of Budget Measures 2023-24?

ANSWER:

The additional \$15 million for the Growing Future Tourism Fund (GFT) is not part of the \$20 million Tourism Experience and Infrastructure Grants Program.

The then Department of Tourism, Innovation and Sport sought this additional funding, allowing flexibility to fund a larger group of projects under GFT Round 1 and bolster the GFT Round 2 funding pool. The \$15 million in new GFT funding was allocated as part of the 2023-24 Budget Update.

On 23 November 2023, the then Premier announced (<https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/99218>) the funding of the additional \$15 million, making GFT a \$30 million program.