

Question on Notice

No. 50

Asked on Wednesday, 14 February 2024

MS A LEAHY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS (HON M SCANLON)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the latest report from the LGAQ advising that cost shifting onto Local Governments has increased by 378 percent—
Will the Minister advise what action is being taken to reduce State Government cost shifting to Queensland Local Governments?

ANSWER:

The Miles Government is committed to supporting local governments to thrive and deliver for their communities.

The Miles Government provides significant grant funding to councils to deliver the projects and services their local communities need. Last year the Queensland Government boosted Works for Queensland funding by another \$100 million. This brings total investment through the program to \$1.1 billion since 2016.

New rounds of the W4Q program, the South East Queensland Community Stimulus Program, and the Local Government Grants and Subsidies Program will be rolled out during 2024 to continue supporting Queensland councils.

In 2023, the Queensland Government implemented a new Local Government Sustainability Framework (LGSF). The LGSF will help the Miles Government and councils identify sustainability challenges early and support the development of tailored solutions.

Additionally, in 2023 the Queensland Government established the new Indigenous Council Funding Program (ICFP), which provides operational grant funding linked to the divers of operational costs to Queensland's 16 Indigenous councils. The Labor Government has increased the funding available by \$25.8 million for 2023-24.