

Question on Notice

No. 706

Asked on 23 May 2024

MS J BUSH asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Queensland's \$90b+ 'Big Build'—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much will be invested overall in the South East Queensland region and (b) how much has been allocated in the 2023-24 financial year for this region?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Budget supports good jobs, provides better services for all Queenslanders including the South-East Queensland region and protects our great lifestyle across the state.

Investment will bring a generational change, creating more jobs, better communities and stronger regions. Over the 13 years to 2027–28, the government will have supported over \$225 billion in infrastructure works across the state.

For the 2024-25 Queensland Budget the Government is investing in a record level of economic and social infrastructure as it continues to deliver the transformational Big Build. The 2024–25 budget will underpin the development of the state, with a total capital program of \$107.262 billion over four years of which the South-East Queensland region will benefit.

Queensland Treasury has advised that individual regional allocations are not available for the forward estimates period as the regional allocation will be confirmed yearly as projects are delivered and new projects initiated.

\$13.9 billion has been allocated in the 2024-25 budget for the South-East Queensland region, including Gold Coast, Logan, Ipswich, Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Brisbane and Redlands. This is an increase from \$11.2 billion in the 2023-24 budget.

For the Gold Coast, the 2024-25 budget provides \$2.8 billion for the Big Build.

- Gold Coast Stations (Pimpama, Hope Island and Merrimac) - \$168.3 million will be invested in 2024-25, with the total spend on these projects being \$500 million.

For Logan, the 2024-25 budget provides \$1.5 billion will be spent on the Big Build.

- The Pacific Motorway, Eight Mile Plains to Daisy Hill upgrade - \$105 million will be invested in 2024-25, with the total spend on these projects being \$750 million.

For Ipswich, the 2024-25 budget provides \$1.8 billion will be spent on the Big Build.

- The Construction of Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre (formerly Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct – Stage 2) - \$97.3 million will be invested in 2024-25, with the total spend on this project being \$885.3 million. This will complete the construction of the new over 1,500 bed facility which includes the installation of property, plant and equipment.

More examples of Big Build spend for the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Brisbane and Redlands are listed in the Regional Action Plan which is available on the Queensland Treasury website (<https://www.treasury.qld.gov.au/resource/state-budget-2024-25/>). Details of current and future infrastructure are also provided in the Big Build Queensland website <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/regions/big-build/south-east-queensland>.

There you can find which projects are on the go in the South-East Queensland region. The site lists infrastructure commitments and activity over the next four years. You can also view projects across Queensland in our Big Build map.

Additionally, the Queensland Government demonstrated its commitment to integrating land use planning and infrastructure planning with the release of the South-East Queensland Infrastructure Supplement (SEQIS) alongside the regional plan, ShapingSEQ 2023, in December 2023. SEQIS is a plan for coordinating regional infrastructure that catalyses and services the growth and housing supply of the South-East Queensland region. It also maximises the opportunity of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games infrastructure.

Detailed infrastructure planning responses to the growth identified by ShapingSEQ 2023, in consultation with state agencies, will be incorporated into the subsequent regional infrastructure plan development cycle, the South-East Queensland Infrastructure Plan.