

## Question on Notice

No. 707

Asked on 23 May 2024

**MRS J GILBERT** 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 Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday 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 Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday 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 budget the Queensland Government is investing in a record level of economic and social infrastructure as it continues to deliver the transformational Big Build. The 2024–25 Queensland Budget will underpin the development of the state, with a total capital program of \$107.262 billion over four years of the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday 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.

\$1.3 billion has been allocated in the 2024-25 budget for the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday Regions. This is an increase from \$623 million in the 2023-24 budget.

Specific investments in the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday region include:

- Mackay Base Hospital - A significant expansion of the Mackay Base Hospital will deliver 128 new beds and help meet the growing demand for healthcare services in the region.
- Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1) - \$21.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$497.4 million total spend towards the Mackay Ring Road (Stage 1) project.

- Mackay police facility upgrade - \$3.4 million in 2024-25 out of a \$4 million total spend to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Mackay. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland.
- Moranbah Hospital Redevelopment - \$20 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1 billion total spend to address ageing infrastructure, supporting healthcare delivery in regional areas by enhancing or replacing infrastructure to ensure it meets the needs of the community.
- Lotus Creek Wind Farm - \$500 million in 2024-25 out of a \$1.305 billion total spend to deliver the 285-megawatt Lotus Creek Wind Farm near St Lawrence.

There are more examples listed in the Regional Action Plan for Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday 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 is also provided in the Big Build Queensland website <https://www.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/regions/big-build/mackay,-isaac-and-whitsunday>.

There you can find out which projects are on the go in the Mackay, Isaac and Whitsunday 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.