

## Question on Notice

No. 708

Asked on 23 May 2024

**HON C CRAWFORD** 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 Far North 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 Far North 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 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 which the Far North 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.

\$1.8 billion has been allocated in the 2024-25 budget for the Far North Queensland Region. This is an increase from \$1.7 billion in the 2023-24 budget.

Specific investments in the Far North Queensland region include:

- Moa St Pauls Public Health Community Centre Rectification - In 2024-25 \$8.7 million will be spent to deliver a new extension to the public health community centre. With the total spend on this project being \$10.7 million. This project is in the initial stages of development with the provision scope to include the construction of a new extension of the Public Health Community Centre building including reconfiguration of the existing site.

- Pormpuraaw Primary Health Care Centre and Home and Community Care - \$12 million will be invested in 2024-25 to address ageing infrastructure. With the total spend on this project being \$1 billion.
- Cairns Western Arterial Road, Redlynch Connector Road to Captain Cook Highway - A funding commitment of \$15 million in 2024-25 to upgrade this section of road to a four-lane carriageway, improve safety, increase capacity, reduce peak hour congestion and travel time and provide better active transport. With the total spend on this project being \$300 million.
- Cairns police facility upgrade - \$2.3 million will be invested in 2024-25 to complete the upgrade of the police facility at Cairns. This facility will support frontline policing services to deliver safe and secure communities and build a safer Queensland. With the total spend on this project being \$21 million.

There are more examples listed in the Regional Action Plan for Far North Queensland 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/far-north-queensland>.

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

The Far North Queensland Infrastructure Plan (FNQIP) (expected to be released mid-year) will also outline the Queensland Government's infrastructure planning and program responses to strategic priorities identified by the region.