

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 849**  
**Asked on Friday, 14 June 2024**

**MR S BENNETT** ASKED MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND CLEAN ECONOMY JOBS  
(HON M DE BRENNI)

With reference to the East Bundaberg Substation refurbishment and as the 2023-24 State Budget outlined an \$11.5m total spend for this project and the 2024-25 State Budget outlines a \$22.6m total spend—

Will the Minister (a) explain how the total spend for this project doubled in one year, (b) provide a complete breakdown of how the 2023-24 \$6m budget was spent and (c) provide a timeline for completion for this project?

**ANSWER**

(a)

Energy Queensland have advised the current budget spend for the East Bundaberg Substation Refurbishment Project is \$13.9 million which is an increase from the \$11.5 million total from the 2023/24 Budget papers. This variance reflects increases in the cost for materials and civil works.

The \$22.6 million figure incorrectly included what is a separate but valuable \$8.7 million investment in asset replacement for the wider Bundaberg region. This will be amended in future budget updates.

(b)

Works completed in financial year 2023-24: the majority of civil works including all greenfield civil works and electrical works which commenced in April.

(c)

The East Bundaberg Substation Refurbishment Project is on track to be completed in 2025.