

Question on Notice

No. 863

Asked on 14 June 2024

MR T WATTS asked the Minister for State Development and Infrastructure, Minister for Industrial Relations and Minister for Racing (HON G GRACE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the significant economic contribution of the Toowoomba Turf Club to the local economy and thoroughbred racing in Queensland—

Will the Minister advise what steps the government is taking to expedite the replacement of the obsolete lighting infrastructure at Clifford Park, to support the ongoing viability and growth of the State’s most successful twilight thoroughbred racing location?

ANSWER:

I am advised that Racing Queensland (RQ) had identified that the lighting infrastructure at the Toowoomba Turf Club (TTC) was approaching the end of its operational life.

In 2023, RQ engaged consultants to complete the design approval phase of the project and progressed in July 2023 to tender for electrical contractors. I am advised tenders were evaluated, with submissions well in excess of RQ’s allocated budget for the TTC project.

RQ advises it is working with TTC on future race programming and on the use of existing funds of \$460,000 from a previous club deed to support immediate and interim infrastructure and lighting improvements.

The Miles Government would consider any Racing Infrastructure Fund project application made by RQ on behalf of the TTC.