

Question on Notice

No. 925

Asked on 21 August 2024

MR M HART ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Port of Brisbane planning project (Investment ID 1500732)—

Will the Minister advise why the planned 2024-25 spend has been reduced from \$6.38m to \$800,000?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burleigh for the question.

The Port of Brisbane Further Planning project is fully funded by the Australian Government, which has committed \$20 million to the project as part of the Inland Rail Bilateral Agreement.

As such, the deliverables and progression of the project through its various stages have been subject to Australian Government approvals. Timing and cashflows of the project have been impacted by the Australian Government's Independent Strategic Review of the Infrastructure Investment Program, resulting in a reduced budget in 2024–25.

Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program (QTRIP) 2023–24 to 2026–27 was developed prior to the Australian Government announcing the Infrastructure Investment Program Strategic Review. It included estimated expenditure of \$6.38 million in 2024–25 and \$8.2 million in 2025–26 to 2026–27.

The estimated expenditure for the project has been updated to reflect the activities approved by the Australian Government. The release of *QTRIP 2024–25 to 2027–28* included updated budget forecasts to reflect this project scope, including \$800,000 in 2024–25; \$500,000 in 2025–26; and \$13.58 million in 2025–26 to 2027–28.

The Australian Government's overall commitment to the project remains unchanged. The Queensland Government—through the Department of Transport and Main Roads—continues to provide an in-kind contribution in delivery of this planning project.