

Question on Notice

No. 961

Asked on 22 August 2024

MR D LAST ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, TREASURER AND MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT (HON C DICK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to page 16 of the Capital Statement 2024-25, namely ‘the Queensland Government committed \$50 million... to progress plans, designs and approvals for the replacement of the Bowen Wharf’—

Will the Treasurer advise (a) the amounts paid to North Queensland Bulk Ports for preconstruction activities associated with the project and the dates paid and (b) the amounts paid to North Queensland Bulk Ports for construction activities associated with the project and the dates paid?

ANSWER:

As part of the 2023-24 Budget, the Queensland Government approved \$50 million in equity funding to North Queensland Bulk Ports Corporation (NQB) for the full replacement of the Bowen Wharf with plans, designs and approvals subject to further consultation with key stakeholders and the community.

The *2024–25 Budget Paper 3 – Capital Statement* outlines an initial project spend of \$2 million by NQB in 2024–25 towards project planning and design works, as advised by NQB. The total \$50 million equity funding allocation for the project is also reported in Table 8.8 Equity Movements of *2024-25 Budget Paper 2 – Budget Strategy and Outlook*.

On 28 August 2024, NQB wrote to shareholding Ministers advising of the preferred concept design for the wharf structure, informed by extensive community consultation. Shareholding ministers subsequently approved NQB’s project proposal and the transfer of \$50 million equity funding to NQB to deliver the project.

Transfer of the \$50 million equity funding to NQB occurred on 30 September 2024, with funds to be utilised for both pre-construction and construction activities.