

**Question on Notice**

**No. 963**

**Asked on 22 August 2024**

**MR J KRAUSE** ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the joint Federal Government and Queensland Government Torres Strait Islands Marine Infrastructure Program announced in March 2023—

Will the Minister advise why the Federal Government's \$40m contribution is not listed in the program's line item in QTRIP?

**ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Scenic Rim for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads' Maritime Safety Queensland (MSQ) is working with Torres Shire Council, Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council and other key stakeholders to progress planning and delivery of the Torres Strait Islands Marine Infrastructure Program (TSIMIP).

TSIMIP is a six-year (2022–23 to 2027–28), \$40 million program of marine infrastructure improvements in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area, funded by the Queensland Government.

The Federal Government has also committed \$40 million for marine infrastructure improvements in the Torres Strait, under its Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP).

Under usual PCIP arrangements, the Federal Government funding allocation is being administered as a grant to the local government agency, TSIRC.

While the two \$40 million programs are being managed and delivered separately, MSQ and TSIRC are working closely together to ensure funding delivers the best possible outcomes for local communities.