

Question on Notice
No. 970
Asked on 22 August 2024

Mr A Perrett asked Premier (Hon. S Miles)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Premier's commitment of \$200m for the Queensland Sustainable Timber Industry Framework—

Will the Premier provide a breakdown of this \$200m in funding by (a) year to be expended and (b) on what specific items/policy outcomes?

ANSWER:

I released the terms of reference for the Queensland Sustainable Timber Industry Framework (Framework) on 26 June 2024.

The Framework will be delivered by mid-2025 informed by advice from the Stakeholder Timber Advisory Council. It will present a 30-year plan for the timber industry backed by a \$200 million package.

Allocation of the funding will be determined as part of development of the Framework, including:

- Support for timber plantation expansion and innovation in timber processing;
- Potential subsidies to assist industry with increased transport costs;
- Increased accreditation and certification support;
- An education and extension program with landholders and traditional owners;
- A comprehensive state-wide assessment of biodiversity values mapping to establish best management of native forests and support decision-making; and
- Additional rangers.