Question on Notice
No. 405

Asked on 29 April 2025

MR R KATTER ASKED TREASURER, MINISTER FOR ENERGY AND MINISTER FOR HOME OWNERSHIP (HON D JANETZKI)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's commitment to net zero that has seen power prices across the state increasing out of control, much of which has now been blamed on smart meters—

Will the Treasurer acknowledge the burden that net zero has placed on Queenslanders and commit to reinvestment in reliable cheap coal generation?

ANSWER:

We are delivering a five-year Energy Roadmap by the end of 2025 to ensure Queenslanders have access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable power as Queensland works toward a reliable pathway to net zero by 2050.

Coal fired power generation will continue to play a role in our grid, together with solar, wind, gas, pumped-hydro and batteries.

To support this, the Government has committed to investing in our existing plants through our Electricity Maintenance Guarantee: $400 million in 2024-25 and at least $1.4 billion over the five years 2024-25 to 2029-30.