

Question on Notice

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Asked on 27 June 2025

MR P RUSSO ASKED DEPUTY PREMIER, MINISTER FOR STATE DEVELOPMENT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING AND MINISTER FOR INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (HON J BLEIJIE) —

QUESTION:

Will the Deputy Premier provide an update on the Battery Industry Strategy, including total funding allocated in (a) 2025-26 financial year and (b) beyond 2025-26?

ANSWER:

Under the Crisafulli Government, the Department of State Development is refocusing on the strategic industries of Defence, Biomedical and Biofuels, as well as broader regional opportunities that support the Government's economic priorities in traditional and emerging industries.

The new \$180.55 million Sovereign Industry Development Fund, announced in the 2025-26 State Budget, will build Queensland's sovereign industry capability, draw on the State's strengths and grow our regions.

Following the recent Queensland Budget, and the uncertainty around the Federal Government's 2022 commitment to establish a \$100 million battery centre in Queensland, the delivery of the Strategy has now concluded.

Existing contractual commitments made through the Strategy are being delivered.

Queensland is open for business, and the Crisafulli Government remains committed to engaging with industry and stakeholders to seize opportunities aligned to our strategic economic priorities.