Question on Notice No. 852 Asked on 27 June 2025

HON G GRACE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR SPORT AND RACING AND MINISTER FOR THE OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC GAMES (HON T MANDER) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Page 85 of Budget Paper 3 and the \$16.8m to support priority infrastructure projects to deliver growth—

Will the Minister (a) provide a list of infrastructure projects that will be supported from this allocation, (b) advise how these funds are going to be administered, (c) advise who the decision maker on administration of funds will be and (d) advise whether an allocation of funding for country racing has been made?

ANSWER:

Page 85 of Budget Paper 3 refers to funding of \$16.8 million allocated from the Racing Infrastructure Fund (RIF) for 2025-26.

Regarding the components of the question:

- a) Ongoing projects include: delivery of The Q; lighting upgrades at the Redcliffe Harness Racing and Sports Club; the stables project at the Townsville Turf Club; and delivery of a new sand track at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club.
- b) RIF funds are administered by the Department of Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games under a Funding Agreement with individual Project Funding Schedules.
- c) Under the RIF Guidelines the decision maker for approving projects is the Treasurer, on recommendation by the Minister for Racing.
- d) The RIF does not provide an allocation of funding allocations towards specific codes/types of racing. The RIF funds priority racing infrastructure projects that support the operations and sustainability of Queensland's racing industry. Racing Queensland supports country racing via the Country Club Asset Funding program.