

Question on Notice

No. 910

Asked on Tuesday, 26 August 2025

MR M HEALY ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to annual base payments provided to regional tourism organisations by Tourism and Events Queensland—

Will the Minister advise (a) base payment amount for 2025-26 by organisation and (b) base payment amount for every financial year across the forward estimates by organisation?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government has an ambitious vision for tourism as we capitalise on the green and gold runway to Queensland's 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games. We want to build a generational legacy and ensure that Queenslanders will reap the benefits of the Games for years to come.

The Crisafulli Government will work with Regional Tourism Organisations (RTOs) to ensure that when visitors come to watch the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2032, that they also stay for our great state. We support the RTO network, comprising of 13 organisations across Queensland, by providing base funding each year.

During the 2025-26 Budget Estimates hearing for the Health, Environment and Innovation Committee, I note the Member for Cairns' comments on the "Labor government trying to 'destroy' the tourism industry". These comments can be found on page 86 of the Hearing Transcript. Indeed, the previous government's last Budget left a funding deficit of \$525,000 in 2025-26 for the Tourism Network Fund annual base payments, with further reductions outlined in the forward estimates.

I am pleased to advise the Member that the Crisafulli Government has not only restored the funding reduction forecast by the previous Government, but also further boosted funds. Our \$3 million additional investment in the Tourism Network Fund will take the total funding for Queensland's RTOs to \$10 million per annum over the next four years.

(a)

Regional Tourism Organisations	2025–26
Brisbane Economic Development Agency	1,091,242
Bundaberg Tourism	492,516
Capricorn Enterprise Limited	486,150
Experience Gold Coast	1,293,556
Fraser Coast Tourism and Events	542,439

Regional Tourism Organisations	2025–26
Gladstone Area Promotion and Development Limited	488,354
Mackay Isaac Tourism	447,549
Outback Queensland Tourism Association	713,572
Queensland Country Tourism	624,813
Townsville Enterprise Limited	631,875
Tourism Tropical North Queensland	1,349,399
Tourism Whitsundays	749,392
Visit Sunshine Coast	1,089,144

(b) As per the established practice also adopted by the former Labor Government, the allocation to each RTO is determined annually by several metrics. However, unlike the previous Government's planned reduction to RTO funding, the Crisafulli Government has increased the Tourism Network Fund to \$10 million per annum over four years, meaning Queensland's RTOs will be better off.