

Question on Notice

No. 998

Asked on 28 August 2025

MR M BERKMAN ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND THE ARTS (HON J LANGBROEK)—

QUESTION:

With reference to partnerships between the State's artistic institutions and fossil fuel corporations—

Will the Minister advise (a) how much revenue did Queensland's artistic institutions, including specifically the Queensland Museum, receive in the 2024-25 financial year through sponsorships, partnerships or other grants and funding from companies involved with coal or gas mining, processing and sale, (b) if the Minister is aware of complaints or feedback received from members of the public about the recently announced Queensland Museum partnership with Shell (c) whether that partnership aligns with the legislative duty to 'protect Queensland's natural heritage,' as outlined in the Queensland Museum Act and (d) if the government will review the current guidelines for partnerships to ensure corporations seeking partnerships with Queensland museums are not undertaking operations that threaten Queensland's natural heritage?

ANSWER:

I am advised:

In 2024–25, the Queensland Museum (QM) received \$800,000 from Shell's QGC business to deliver the Future Makers program, which promotes Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics education.

While I am not aware of any complaints or feedback received from members of the public in relation to QM's partnership with Shell, on 1 and 11 September 2025, I received correspondence from the climate advocacy group Comms Declare about fossil fuel companies sponsoring cultural institutions.

QM adheres to the principles and requirements of the Queensland Government Sponsorship Policy and the *Queensland Museum Act 1970*. QM conducts ongoing risk reviews of all partnerships, with appropriate due diligence undertaken before any sponsorships, partnerships or other grants are accepted.

The Queensland Government Sponsorship Policy is maintained by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and is updated as required.