

## Question on Notice

No. 380

Asked on 21 April 2026

**380 MS N BOYD ASKED MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND MINISTER FOR FIRE, DISASTER RECOVERY AND VOLUNTEERS (HON A LEAHY)—**

### QUESTION:

With reference to Betterment Fund projects aimed at rebuilding essential infrastructure to a more resilient standard following disaster events—

Will the Minister advise (a) what assessment has been undertaken of the impact of rising construction input costs, including bitumen and fuel, on the delivery of Betterment Fund projects, (b) how many Betterment Fund projects have experienced delays, scope changes or cost overruns and (c) what contingency measures or funding adjustments have been implemented or are under consideration to ensure Betterment projects are delivered on time and within budget?

### ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

a) The Queensland Reconstruction Authority (QRA) is undertaking a broader assessment across the reconstruction program to determine the impact of rising construction input costs, including fuel prices, on current program delivery. All Betterment programs are established with project contingencies to allow for an appropriate level of risk.

b) To date, no Betterment Fund projects currently in delivery have experienced delays, scope changes, or cost overruns.

c) QRA adopts a program management approach. Staff work closely with councils to manage program scope and budgets, making adjustments where necessary to maintain control over scope and costs.

The Queensland Government remains committed to supporting disaster affected communities by delivering Betterment Fund projects efficiently and effectively, strengthening the resilience of essential infrastructure in our state.