

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 415**  
**Asked on Wednesday, 22 April 2026**

**MS J PEASE** ASKED MINISTER FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES AND OPEN DATA AND MINISTER FOR SMALL AND FAMILY BUSINESS (HON S MINNIKIN)—

Will the Minister advise details of any representations that the Minister has made to the Premier, Treasurer, or any other Minister regarding the impact of rising fuel costs on Queensland small and family businesses, including (a) the dates, recipients and substance of those representations, (b) what specific policy proposals the Minister has put forward to address those costs and their current status, (c) what briefings, modelling or departmental advice the Minister has received or sought on this issue and the actions taken in response and (d) if the answer to (a) through (c) is none or cannot be otherwise provided, will the Minister advise why not?

**ANSWER**

The Queensland Government, along with other states, is continuing to assist the Commonwealth Government develop its national fuel plan in response to the Middle East conflict.

In addition, the Queensland Government is continuing to work through short, medium and long-term measures to ensure our state's energy security.

The Queensland Government is restoring fuel security for Queensland through the *Queensland Fuel Security Plan*, which is delivering immediate relief, secure supply and long-term certainty for Queenslanders.

The *Queensland Fuel Security Plan* includes:

- Unlocking oil reserves - helping reduce reliance on imports and stabilise prices by fast tracking approvals to extract fuel from Queensland's Taroom Trough, a process the Queensland Government started before this crisis.
- Refining more fuel here in Queensland - more fuel processed locally, keeping fuel costs lower and more predictable.
- Boosting fuel storage capacity - protecting against shortages and sudden price spikes that hit families hardest.
- Removing state taxes on fuel price rises - delivering immediate savings every time Queenslanders fill up and permanently locking in 50 cent fares on public transport.
- Improving transparency - backing States and Territories in pushing the Commonwealth Government to publish a dashboard with incoming fuel shipments to plan ahead for future pressures.

The Queensland Government continues to actively engage with the Commonwealth Government through National Cabinet and through other inter-governmental avenues.

Consistent with this co-ordinated national approach, it would not be appropriate to disclose details of confidential private discussions or comment on the related matters referenced in the Member's question. The Member can be assured that I am in regular contact with my Cabinet colleagues about all facets of my ministerial portfolio.

As part of my ongoing engagement with industry stakeholders, I recently met with small business owners and industry representatives to discuss how global economic conditions are impacting Queensland small and family businesses and their customers.

The Queensland Government will keep advocating for the interests of Queenslanders, including small and family businesses, and provide updated information as developments occur.