

Question on Notice

No. 458

Asked on 23 April 2026

HON M BAILEY ASKED MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND AMBULANCE SERVICES
(**HON T NICHOLLS**)—

QUESTION

With reference to the 2026 Free Flu Immunisation Program (the Program)—

Will the Minister advise as at 20 April 2026 (or closest reportable date) total amount spent on the Program, including expenditure on advertising, marketing, media, creative services, public relations and communications?

ANSWER

The Crisafulli Government's 2026 Free Flu Immunisation Program is Australia's largest and most accessible free flu vaccination program, after it was left unfunded for 2025 in the former government's last budget.

In an Australian first, young Queenslanders (aged 2–5 years) have access to a Government-funded needle-free nasal spray option. Pleasingly, vaccination uptake is up for this cohort, compared to recent years, with most kids choosing the nasal spray vaccination option.

In another first, the Crisafulli Government has expanded the scope of practice for trained immunisers, so they can vaccinate without restrictions on vaccine type, patient age, or clinic location.

This means immunisation trained pharmacists, registered nurses, midwives, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners can now administer the flu vaccine in any location, including workplaces, community and sporting events, and in remote communities.

The budget for the program exceeds \$31 million, with approximately \$3.2 million spent as at 27 April 2026. Note, the program operates on a reimbursement model and total costs will not be known until providers have submitted all claims.