

Question on Notice

No. 524

Asked on Wednesday, 13 May 2026

HON L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the delivery and expected completion of bioregional planning and whether the additional \$2 million and eight full time equivalent positions allocated in the 2024-25 Budget (over two years) to enable the pilot plans to be completed has been expended for this purpose?

ANSWER:

I refer the Member to my joint media announcement with the Australian Minister for the Environment and Water on 25 May 2026 where draft bioregional guidance plans for the Brigalow Belt North and the Gulf Plains were released for public consultation: <https://statements.qld.gov.au/statements/105134>.

The bioregional guidance plans are expected to be formally made, under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth), later in the year after approval from the Queensland and Australian Governments.

Further information is also publicly available on the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation's website at: <https://environment.qld.gov.au/management/planning-guidelines/bioregional-planning>.

The \$2 million over two years allocated in the 2024-25 State Budget is forecast to be fully expended by 30 June 2026, and the eight full time equivalent positions have been occupied for this same period.