

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 74

asked on Wednesday 11 February 2026

MR R KATTER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINES, MINISTER FOR MANUFACTURING AND MINISTER FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (HON D LAST)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the \$600m investment from Australian taxpayers into the Mount Isa copper smelter—

Will the Minister advise if there is a requirement for Glencore to use Australian labour at their sites, especially in and around Mount Isa?

ANSWER:

The Queensland and Australian governments are backing Mount Isa's future and the priority for all Queensland companies should be sourcing their workforce locally.

Funding will be delivered to Mount Isa Mines Limited over three years with \$400 million until 2027 and potential for a further \$200 million in 2028 pending further assessment.

The terms of the arrangement are confidential, and compliance with all state and federal labour and other laws and regulations apply.