

**Estimates & Committee Hearings 2018**  
**Sandy Bolton MP – Questions**

**Economics and Governance Committee**

**Tuesday July 24, 2018**

*Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs – Stirling Hinchcliffe*

- Minister, I refer to page 2 of the Service Delivery Statement:

Is there any progress in the efforts for smaller councils in SE QLD such as Noosa, Lockyer Valley, Scenic Rim and Somerset to be reclassified as Regional Councils in order for them to access the Works for QLD Program?

**State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee**  
**Wednesday July 25, 2018**

*Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning – Cameron Dick*

- Minister, I refer to page 4 of the Service Delivery Statement:

Can the Minister advise how the agencies within his portfolio can help facilitate partnerships between communities and the investing sector to provide necessary infrastructure, and is there funding available to explore and connect potential models for our electorates?

- Minister, I refer to Page 4 of the SDS:

Could the Minister provide an update on the progress and projected timeline for the International Broadband submarine cable into the Sunshine Coast, and how this will benefit Noosa and address the connectivity issues still unresolved for our business sector?

*Minister for Natural Resources, Mines and Energy – Anthony Lynham*

- Minister, with regard to Interest Free Loans for Solar:

Is there scope to increase this initiative to include a means test in the criteria? The restriction of being FTB recipient, which is for parent/s or carers of children under 13yrs on one income, excludes other disadvantaged sectors needing to access these loans.

- Minister, with regards to transitioning to renewables:

Are there any funds being made available to assist in the development of bulk solar initiatives for Councils, precincts and community organisations to convert to solar with/without battery storage?

*Minister for Agricultural Industry Development and Fisheries - Mark Furner*

- Minister, what funds are being made available for monitoring of our waterways given that the Safer Waterways testing is restrictive and does not include testing for specific chemicals of growing concern in our communities?

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**Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee**  
**Thursday July 26, 2018**

*Attorney General and Minister for Justice- Yvette Dath*

- Minister, I refer to page 17 of the Service Delivery Statement and Community Legal Service – funding:

With regards to Legal Aid and similar community services, is there any intention to reinstate funding for organisations who were providing advice on WorkCover cases, especially as the latest review of WorkCover does not address protection concerns for those under self-insurers?

*Minister for Fire and Emergency Services - Craig Crawford*

- Minister, with regards to Coast Guard/Surf Lifesaving/SES and other volunteer emergency services:

What new models are being investigated to fund these essential lifesaving and emergency service organisations? Licencing and registration, levies and potential call out fees are just some examples that could address the financial duress these organisations face?

**Health, Communities, Disability Services & Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee**  
**Tuesday July 31, 2018**

*Minister for Communities, Disability Services and Seniors – Coralee O'Rourke*

- Minister, I refer to SDS Page 3:

Has there been any increase in funding to Sunshine Coast organisations and pilot programs who provide emergency and transitional relief such as accommodation and food for our homeless and vulnerable, as well the associated 'wrap around' services that are essential for successful outcomes?

- Minister, in reference to page 6 of the SDS referring to support of initiatives that create inclusive communities:

How do the not for profit sector access funding for modifications to allow disability access?

*Minister for Health and Ambulance Services - Steven Miles*

- Minister, with community based alternatives to hospitalisation being trialled successfully, where is funding being made available to ensure the continuity of these? Examples include Dahlia House in Nambour for mental illness and Katie Rose Cottage and Little Haven hospices for end of life.
- Minister, I refer to SDS pages 201-203 and note that Palliative Care services are not mentioned for the Sunshine Coast HHS as for other regions:

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Will the current review address this, and have all stakeholders including the community at large, palliative care services and voluntary euthanasia organisations been consulted or notified of this review?

*Minister for Child Safety, Youth Women and for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence - Di Farmer*

- Minister, I refer to SDS page 3:

Within the services and objectives of your department there is no mention of any funding for preventative initiatives or assistance for men either as perpetrators or victims of domestic violence. How will this be addressed?

**Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee**  
**Wednesday August 1, 2018**

*Minister for Environment, National Parks, Heritage and Great Barrier Reef – Leanne Enoch*

- Minister, in reference to your answer to Pre Hearing Question On Notice Number 7, could you clarify what the Healthy Land and Monitoring Program uses as its baseline assessment criteria, and what does the water monitoring undertaken by DRNME consist of and how often is this monitoring implemented?
- Minister in reference to your answer on Pre Hearing Question Number 8 could you please clarify whether there has been extra funding from Department to QPWS and NPSR in order to address the ongoing management and non-compliance issues relating to our waterways and National Parks that are under ever increasing negative impacts from visitor numbers and poor behaviour.
- Minister, With reference to page 4 of the SDS: Can the Minister outline what financial investments that Department of Environment and Science will be making in Noosa?

*Minister for Innovation and Tourism Industry Development, Minister for Commonwealth Games – Kate Jones*

- Minister, with reference to your answer to Pre Hearing Question Number 20, I agree that social innovation can be a catalyst for better outcomes. Can you outline what initiatives or projects are currently being considered, or will be considered, to address our greatest social concerns including unemployment, housing, mental and physical health, violence and addictions?
- With reference to Page 7 of SDS “Advancing Qld through Innovation”, will funds be made available to support social & environmental innovation projects and can the Minister provide examples?
- Minister, with eco-tourism an increasing sector of our tourism offerings, will the Department be clarifying its definition of what ‘eco-tourism’ is given the multiple definitions that are often at cross purposes, causing confusion and debate within communities and across QLD?

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- Minister, tourism is of great importance to the Sunshine Coast and particularly for Noosa, providing employment for many local. But what is the State Government doing to assist electorates like Noosa to diversify and offer job opportunities beyond tourism?
- Minister I refer to page 3 of the SDS and the legacy benefits of the Commonwealth Games. What benefits did my electorate of Noosa and the Sunshine Coast region see from the Games?
- Minister I refer to SDS Page 14 and ask what collaboration occurs between the Department and APVMA to address community concerns regarding chemical impacts on our lands and waterways.

**Education, Employment and Small Business Committee**  
**Thursday August 2, 2018**

*Minister for Education and Industrial Relations - Grace Grace*

- Minister, I refer to page 2 of the Service Delivery Statement:

Are there any plans to provide funding over secure longer periods than currently available for prevention initiatives such as Life Education, and what new initiatives are being developed regarding the mental and physical wellbeing of our school children?

*Minister for Employment and Small Business - Shannon Fentiman*

- Minister, I refer to SDS Page 2:

Could you advise why the Noosa electorate is excluded from both the Return2Work SEQ and Return2Work Regional which are very successful employment initiatives, and how can Noosa be included? (*Note - As the Member for Maroochy had also brought this up, I included that the statistics do not reflect the reality, with underemployment statistics not available, (only have to work 1 hr per week to be classified as employed)* the low socio economic data for Noosa which is lower than SE QLD, and the transport issues, especially in the Hinterland.) Question – Will the Minister consider reassessing Noosa and the criteria used in deciding where this program is rolled out?

- Minister, I refer to Page 2 of the SDS:

With many employers eager to take on mature aged workers, and our mature aged unemployed, especially our women over 55years who are particularly in crisis, can you advise why the Mature Aged Worker Boost Payment is ending, and what substitute will be made available for these job seekers?

- Minister, I refer to Page 7 SDS:

Will the collaboration with Jobs QLD for strategic industry advice provide each of our electorates with a needs analysis of skills demand so they can ensure the provision of relevant and customised industry training?