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Question: SBT 4270

Topic: Toowoomba second range crossing

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Senator: Ludwig, Joe

Question:

Senator LUDWIG: Thank you. I just wanted to follow up on something that is in the budget 2014-15 budget paper No. 2 page 175.

Mr Ray: I have to rely on others because I did not bring BP2 with me.

Senator LUDWIG: It has got a dot point three down on that page, which is the Toowoomba second range crossing in Queensland. Is there a figure that is held by Treasury which is the figure that is put to that project?

Mr Ray: Mr Legg would come to the table and take it on notice but I can do it for him. We will take it on notice.

Senator LUDWIG: What I was wanting to know is: is there a figure? Has any of that been released or expended at this point?

Mr Ray: Okay.

Senator LUDWIG: Is there an agreement with the state government as to what contribution they will make? Has it stalled? In other words has it stalled or is—

Mr Ray: It is actually infrastructure, isn't it?

Senator LUDWIG: I think some of those are infrastructure. I will check those with infrastructure. I wanted to at least close the loop so that they do not send me back to you.

Mr Ray: Sure.

Senator LUDWIG: If you take on notice what you are able to answer I can then follow up with industry.

Mr Legg: It obviously is part of the infrastructure investment program administered by the department of infrastructure. They will in fact be the font of wisdom on all of that. We will look into what we can tell you and consult with them as well.

Senator LUDWIG: Thank you.

Answer:

4270. The Australian Government has committed up to \$1.285 billion towards the Toowoomba Second Range Crossing project in Queensland through the Infrastructure Investment Programme from 2013-14 to 2018-19 and the Queensland Government has committed \$321 million.