



# Do you have a question for the Prime Minister?

## Malcolm Turnbull on Q&A in Brisbane: Monday 20/06/2016

Dear Member

The Prime Minister will be in Queensland next Monday (20/06) to answer your questions. Don't miss out on this valuable opportunity to ask the Prime Minister how the Coalition Government plans to secure future jobs and growth in the live performance industry.

Prime Minister of Australia Malcolm Turnbull will appear on ABC's Q&A next **Monday 20 June (9:35pm) at Brisbane Powerhouse**.

We encourage you to submit your questions, including video questions, to the ABC [here](#). You can also register to join the studio audience [here](#).

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# LPA Summary of Queensland Budget 2016-17

As Members would be aware, the Queensland Budget was handed down yesterday.

The Queensland Premier and Arts Minister Anastacia Palaszczuk announced the 2016–17 Queensland State Budget includes an additional **\$41.8 million** investment in Queensland's arts sector over the next four years. A significant portion of these funds have been committed to initiatives that the live performance industry will benefit from:

- **\$1.3 million** to commence a **business case to investigate the potential for a new 1,500 seat performing arts venue in Brisbane**. This is in recognition of the need to cater for increased audience growth and demand for local, national and international performing arts productions.
- **\$2.3 million** to **redevelop the Cremorne Theatre** including significant refurbishment of the performance and seating areas. This measure is intended to enable the theatre to accommodate various types of theatre performances and enhance the patron experience.
- **\$15 million** towards the construction of the **Cairns Performing Arts Centre** on the site of the existing Cairns Civic Theatre. Funding is held centrally subject to an acceptable business case demonstrating the project's feasibility, matching federal funds and Cairns Regional Council funding the balance of the capital/project costs and all ongoing operational costs.
- **\$3 million** to continue the Boost to Touring element of the **Playing Queensland Fund**. The program intends to ensure Queenslanders have access to quality live arts experiences within their own communities.
- **\$4.8 million** to the **Queensland Ballet**, to increase the size of the company and the scope and scale of its artistic program. This is intended to enable Queensland Ballet to build upon its growing audience and philanthropic support for its activities.

Premier Palaszczuk's Media Release: *State Budget Activates Cultural Tourism to Deliver Economic Benefits* can be found [here](#).

Detailed information on the QLD State Budget 2016–17 can be found [here](#).

Should you have any questions with regard to the Queensland State Budget 2016–17, please contact the LPA Office via [email](#) or call 03 8614 2000.

Kind regards,

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