2 2025–26 Capital program overview

2.1 Introduction

In this Budget, the Queensland Government has allocated a total of \$29.3 billion in 2025–26 to provide much needed economic and social infrastructure and a broad range of capital works projects across the state.

The budgeted investment envelope will help create jobs, support Queensland businesses and grow the economy, including in Queensland's vital regional areas. The 2025–26 capital program is estimated to directly support around 73,000 jobs across the state.

The 2025–26 capital program comprises \$24.254 billion of purchases of non-financial assets and acquisitions of non-financial assets under finance leases, and \$5.063 billion of capital grants expenses.

Importantly, the 2025–26 capital program demonstrates the government's commitment to growing the state's regions, with \$20.192 billion, or 68.9 per cent of the capital program in 2025–26 to be spent outside of the Greater Brisbane region (Brisbane and Redlands, Logan and Ipswich), supporting an estimated 50,000 jobs across those regions.

The government's capital program includes a range of infrastructure projects in the port, rail, water and energy sectors being delivered through the state's Public Non-financial Corporations sector (that is, commercial entities of government, including government owned corporations).

2.2 Capital purchases

The Queensland Government is continuing to provide the essential economic and social infrastructure needed to support economic growth, deliver essential services, and ensure ongoing improvements in the quality of life enjoyed by Queensland's growing population.

Capital purchases in 2025–26, categorised according to purpose, are outlined in Chart 1. Transport continues to account for the largest share of purchases, followed by energy infrastructure and health.

Chart 1 Capital purchases by purpose 2025–26

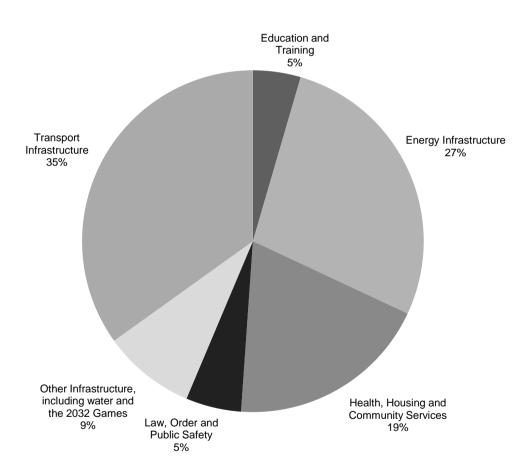


Table 1 outlines the capital purchases by Queensland Government entity, including the 2024–25 year (estimated actual) and the Budget for 2025–26. Transport and Main Roads has the largest proportion of total capital purchases.

Entity	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
Customer Services, Open Data and Small and Family Business	21,889	23,074
Education ⁴	1,331,547	1,160,945
Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	124,300	123,065
Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety	46,856	64,623
Housing and Public Works	852,625	961,158
Justice	77,121	125,524
Legislative Assembly of Queensland	9,799	13,068
Local Government, Water and Volunteers		
Local Government, Water and Volunteers	13,619	2,600
Water Distribution and Supply	1,155,384	1,140,832
Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development	19,761	24,862
Premier and Cabinet	906	559
Primary Industries	33,042	25,499
Queensland Corrective Services	276,575	436,867
Queensland Fire Department	135,838	134,104
Queensland Health	2,752,902	3,666,960
Queensland Police Service ⁵	580,606	246,577
Queensland Treasury		
Queensland Treasury	7,351	16,070
Energy Generation Sector	2,631,819	2,436,694
Energy Transmission and Distribution	3,875,659	4,290,612
Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games	48,088	86,735
State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	123,714	539,717
Trade, Employment and Training	100,376	90,625
Transport and Main Roads		
Transport and Main Roads	6,254,482	6,360,965
Port Authorities	256,679	252,740
Queensland Rail	1,570,117	1,675,174
Cross River Rail Delivery Authority	814,637	266,954
Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism	8,418	1,240
Youth Justice and Victim Support	202,740	343,147
Other agencies ⁶	1,807	816
Other adjustments ⁷	(1,024,788)	542,481
Anticipated contingency reserve ⁸		(800,000)
Total capital purchases	22,303,869	24,254,288

Table 1 Capital purchases by Queensland Government entity^{1,2,3}

Total capital purchases breakdown	2024–25 Est. Actual \$'000	2025–26 Budget \$'000
Consisting of:		
Purchases of non-financial assets per Non-financial Public Sector Cash Flow Statement (BP2 Table 8.9)	21,582,795	23,837,089
New leases	721,074	417,199
Total capital purchases	22,303,869	24,254,288

Notes

1. Includes all associated statutory bodies.

2. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

3. The 2024-25 estimated actuals are presented on a post-machinery-of-government basis.

4. The reduction in capital expenditure in 2025-26 is due to the completion of 2 schools, timing in the delivery of projects, and does not include funding held centrally for the delivery of new schools.

5. The decrease in Queensland Police Service's capital outlays is due to the completion of the new youth remand facility at Wacol, completion of the aircraft capability program and the capitalisation of a right of use aircraft lease in accordance with accounting standards in 2024-25.

6. Includes other government entities with non-material capital programs.

7. Representing inter-agency eliminations, movements in capital payable and receivable, funds held centrally and other accounting adjustments to align with Uniform Presentation Framework Statements.

8. Contingency recognises that on a whole- of- government basis there is likely to be under spending resulting in a carryover of capital allocations.

2.3 Capital grants

The Queensland Government provides a range of grants to non-government entities (i.e. not government departments or statutory bodies) and individuals for capital acquisitions.

Total capital grants are expected to be \$5.063 billion in 2025–26, with Chart 2 below outlining the capital grants to local governments (LG) and non-government organisations (NGOs).

Chart 2 Capital grants by purpose and recipient

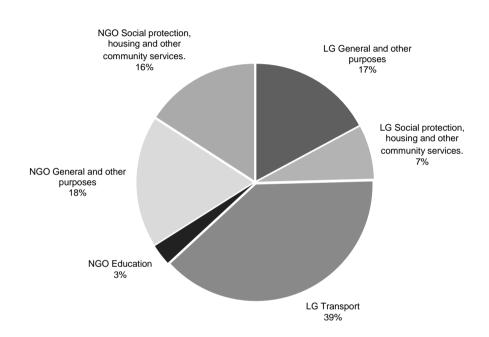


Table 2 shows the planned expenditure on capital grants by Queensland Government entity for 2025–26. The Queensland Reconstruction Authority within the Queensland Fire Department has the highest proportion of capital grants, followed by the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning.

Entity	2024–25 Est. Actual	2025–26 Budget
	\$'000	000'\$
Education	140,459	142,950
Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation	83,428	156,368
Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety	9,453	14,417
Housing and Public Works ³	933,032	580,193
Justice		1,000
Local Government, Water and Volunteers	494,581	407,135
Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development	34,057	80,341
Premier and Cabinet	2,054	350
Primary Industries	181	
Queensland Fire Department	1,628,406	1,648,997
Queensland Police Service	4,132	5,783
Queensland Treasury	205,517	169,138
Sport, Racing and Olympic and Paralympic Games	153,241	162,874
State Development, Infrastructure and Planning	841,348	1,279,127
Trade, Employment and Training	15,615	16,420
Transport and Main Roads		
Transport and Main Roads	594,300	703,015
Cross River Rail Delivery Authority	58,253	
Women, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Multiculturalism	1,674	9,402
Other adjustments ⁴	(278,219)	(314,189)
Total capital grants	4,921,512	5,063,320
Notes		

Table 2 Expenditure on capital grants by Queensland Government entity^{1,2}

1. Includes associated statutory bodies.

2. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

3. The reduction in capital grants is primarily due to the full year effect of machinery-of-government changes and project delivery timeframes across the social housing portfolio, including deferrals of funding from 2023-24 to 2024-25 that resulted in a higher annual spend in that year.

4. Includes assets transferred, funds held centrally and other technical accounting adjustments.