

289 **Mr HOBBS** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS, HOUSING AND RACING
(MR SCHWARTEN) -

With reference to the proposed redevelopment of the Boggo Road precinct -

- (1) What is the total estimated cost to Government of the proposed redevelopment to date and what is the total estimated cost to Government in the forward estimates?
- (2) What expressions of interest have been received from developers, contractors or businesses to date (reported separately) regarding an involvement in the precinct, and will he provide details of these expressions of interest?
- (3) What funding has been allocated to date to research and identify grave sites and areas of cultural heritage value, prior to site works commencing?

ANSWER

- (1) To date the total cost to the Department of Works for the proposed redevelopment is \$1,088,761. These costs are attributable to consultancies involved in the formulation of the Master Plan and the draft Strategic Plan. The Department of State Development and Innovation has incurred other costs associated with the development of a business case for the establishment of Knowledge Based Research and Business use on the Boggo Road site. The matter of costs incurred by the Department of State Development and Innovation would need to be referred to the Minister for State Development and Innovation.

To date forward estimates for future expenditure on the Boggo Road precinct redevelopment have not been considered by Executive Government. Consequently, no approved estimates have as yet been finalised.

- (2) No expression of interest process has been implemented for the Boggo Road precinct redevelopment project by the Department of Public Works and no unsolicited formal expressions of interest have been received from developers, contractors or businesses. The Boggo Road Gaol Historical Society and the operator of the Boggo Road Gaol Ghost Tours have made enquiries related to the possible future continued operation for their present activities. In addition, ABC Developmental Learning Centres Pty Ltd, Australian Yoga Life and the Queensland Ambulance Service have indicated a willingness to establish facilities on Boggo Road. These enquiries have not been presented as formal expressions of interest.
- (3) Extensive heritage and archaeological studies for the overall site are currently underway. Total funding allocated to these studies is \$27,898.75. Approximately half of the allocation has been expended to date. In addition, \$20,460 has been expended on a Conservation Management Plan for the old Boggo Road Division 2 gaol buildings. Recent archaeological investigations have failed to locate gravesites or human remains.