

**Question on Notice
No. 314
Asked on 8 March 2006**

QUESTION:

MR HOPPER asked the Minister for Environment, Local Government, Planning and Women (Ms Boyle)—

With reference to budgeted and approved capital works for each department, agency and portfolio entity administered by her—

- (1) What capital works projects are running behind schedule or have not been commenced or completed to date (reported separately according to name and location)?
- (2) For each of the projects listed in (1), what is the amount expended to date and what level of expenditure is still budgeted to complete each project?
- (3) For each of the projects listed in (1), what is the revised completion date and the corresponding reason why?

ANSWER:

The portfolio entities of Local Government, Planning and Women have no capital works projects that qualify for inclusion.

See attached template for EPA projects.

Due to the often remote locations and exposure to weather conditions, it is not unusual for capital works on National Parks to face delays.

The 2005-06 budget for the attached capital works projects that are identified as behind schedule amounts to \$7.7 million and represents less than a quarter of the Environmental Protection Agency's total 2005-06 Capital Budget of \$33.3 million.

Capital works project (by name and location)	Not commenced	Behind schedule	Completed	Expenditure to date \$M	Balance of budgeted expenditure for completion of project \$M	Revised completion date (if applicable)	Reason for revised completion date
Cardwell Office Extension, Cardwell	Not commenced	Yes	No	0.000	0.307	30/06/07	Project proposal under review - alternative accommodation option being assessed. Original proposal to purchase adjacent building and refit is no longer supported.
Eurong Office Extension, Eurong	Commenced	Yes	No	0.021	0.432	30/06/06	Government Office Accommodation Unit has advised that the project exceeds the cost per head benchmark. The EPA has requested the submitted cost be accepted in line with the Project Services Locality Indices and is awaiting confirmation.
Rockhampton Regional Office, Rockhampton	Commenced	Yes	No	0.036	0.220	30/06/06	Awaiting final Government Office Accommodation Unit and Department of the Premier and Cabinet approval. Additional approval required given the revised Project Services estimate is in excess of 10% variation allowance.
Broken River car park and day use area, Eungella National Park	Commenced	Yes	Practical Completion	0.721	0.000	N/A	Behind original schedule due to a need to recall tenders and then look at alternative construction options.
Fleay's redevelopment, Fleay's Wildlife Park, West Burleigh	Commenced	No	No	0.738	1.002	Ongoing until 2009/10	Master plan is completed; priority safety and research needs are being addressed on an ongoing basis.

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Lake Eacham day use area, Crater Lakes National Park	Commenced	Yes	No	0.265	1.347	30/6/08	Delays have resulted from a combination of road closures and opening process, redesign of plans, review of budget allocations as a result of change of plans and tenders being well above estimates and adverse weather.
North Point Campground Development, Moreton Island	Commenced	Yes	Practical Completion	0.625	0.006	Completed ahead of revised schedule of 30/6/06	Original completion date rescheduled due to negotiation with Traditional Owners and changes to proposed designs and budgets.
Binna Burra day use area, Lamington National Park	Not commenced	Yes	No	0.000	0.294	30/8/06	Postponed to allow completion of the upgrade of visitor facilities at The Settlement, Springbrook National Park project first.
Green Mountains day use area, Lamington National Park	Not commenced	Yes	No	0.030	0.348	30/9/06	Postponed to allow completion of the upgrade of visitor facilities at The Settlement, Springbrook National Park project and the Binna Burra day use area project first.
Mackay Highlands Great Walk, Crediton State Forest	Commenced	No	Practical Completion	1.405	0.122	N/A	N/A

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Gold Coast Hinterland Great Walk, Lamington National Park	Commenced	Yes	No	1.283	0.636	30/6/07	Delays have resulted from a Commonwealth Government decision to declare the project a “controlled action” under the Environmental Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act.
Sunshine Coast Hinterland Great Walk, Mapleton Forest Reserve	Commenced	No	Practical Completion	1.703	0.019	N/A	N/A
Cape York visitor facilities (Chilli Beach, Iron Range National Park and Eliot Falls, Heathlands Reserve and Hann River, Lakefield National Park)	Commenced	No	No	0.907	0.093	31/12/06	Original scheduled completion 30/6/07. Anticipate early completion.
Wet Tropics facilities and upgrade of roads (Forest Drives at Mt Lewis, Clohesy River and Tinnaroo Dam; enhanced safety of viewing sites, water access and QPWS signage)	Commenced	No	No	0.582	0.918	31/12/06	Original scheduled completion 30/6/07. Anticipate early completion.
Cooloolool, Great Sandy National Park facilities	Commenced	No	No	0.347	0.653	31/12/06	Original scheduled completion 30/6/07. Anticipate early completion.

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(Freshwater, Bymien, Harry's Hut, Double Island Point and Teewah Beach)							
Bribie Island National Park visitor facilities	Commenced	No	No	0.681	0.319	31/12/06	Original scheduled completion 30/6/07. Anticipate early completion.
Palmerston Ma:Mu Walk, Palmerston Section, Wooroonooran National Park	Commenced	Yes	No	0.168	3.832	None available	Project on hold pending decision on private sector funding considerations.
East Trinity Property Management, Cairns	Commenced	No	No	0.049	0.239	N/A	N/A