

**Question on Notice
No. 318
Asked on 8 March 2006**

MR MALONE asked the Minister for Emergency Services (MR PURCELL) -

QUESTION:

With reference to budgeted and approved capital works for each department, agency and portfolio entity administered the Minister –

- (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 Department of Emergency Services, like any organisation is constantly updating and re-evaluating its capital works needs in line with changes in demographics within the Queensland community. Some of these projects have changed in scope due to consultation with, and suggestions from, the community. This will result in facilities that meet the objectives of the department and the community.

It is quite common to purchase land in one year when the Department identifies a future need in an area, while the planning may be undertaken in a further year and then construction in a following year.

The following table is current as at 28 February 2006:

Capital Works Project Name and Location	Not Commenced	Behind Schedule	Expenditure to Date \$M	Balance of Budgeted Expenditure for Completion of Project \$M	Revised Completion Date	Reasons
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Queensland Ambulance Service

Atherton - replacement ambulance station			\$0.152	\$1.392	September 2006	On schedule. Project brought forward to 2005/06.
Ayr - replacement ambulance station		✓	\$0.112	\$1.214	December 2006	There has been extended consultation with key stakeholders regarding the scope of the project.
Babinda - replacement ambulance station			\$0.060	\$0.690	February 2007	On schedule.
Balmoral - replacement ambulance station		✓	\$0.089	\$3.223	June 2007	There was difficulty in securing suitable alternative land. Replacement station now to be built on current site.
Birkdale - new ambulance station		✓	\$0.021	\$0.794	April 2007	There have been delays through Queensland Rail offer to acquire an alternative ambulance site in exchange for the original ambulance station site.
Carindale - new ambulance station		✓	\$0.008	\$1.792	May 2007	There are resolution of land acquisition issues including dealing with Native Title.
Coolum - replacement ambulance station			\$0.007	\$1.693	June 2007	On schedule.
Dirranbandi - replacement ambulance station			\$0.418	\$0.277	May 2006	On schedule. In construction stage.

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Emu Park - new ambulance station		✓	\$0.133	\$0.992	August 2006	The difficulty in obtaining base information from surveyors was compounded by difficulties in obtaining local stakeholder agreement on a concept plan. Project now proceeding.
Gemfields - replacement ambulance station and residence		✓	\$0.037	\$0.563	February 2007	There was difficulty in obtaining base information from surveyors, compounded by the need to resurvey the site following equipment/software failure, delayed the development of a concept plan.
Gympie - replacement ambulance station			\$0.762	\$1.138	May 2006	On schedule. In construction stage.
Ipswich - replacement ambulance station			\$0.037	\$2.613	June 2007	On schedule.
Julia Creek - replacement ambulance station		✓	\$0.043	\$0.807	December 2006	Project was delayed due to difficulty in procuring a building consultant / managing contractor. In schematic design stage.
Narangba - new ambulance station		✓	\$0.161	\$1.533	August 2006	Engaged private industry Design Consultant as initial estimate of cost was unacceptably high. In construction stage.
Nerang - new ambulance station			\$0.150	\$1.350	September 2006	On schedule. In tender stage.

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Samford Valley - new ambulance station		✓	\$0.093	\$0.947	November 2006	There were delays in finalising site acquisition. In contract documentation stage.
Townsville ambulance station		✓	\$0.862	\$3.638	June 2007	Townsville (Hugh Street) now in pre-design stage.
Warwick replacement ambulance station	-	✓	\$0.114	\$1.386	January 2007	There was difficulty in developing a concept plan to the satisfaction of stakeholders due to a constrained site. Reconsideration of project scope due to high cost estimate. In schematic design stage.
Yarrabah replacement ambulance station	-	✓	\$0.046	\$0.854	April 2007	This is a joint project with Queensland Health the project has been delayed due to land negotiations. Currently in schematic design stage.

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Brisbane Regional Office - redevelopment			\$0.160	\$0.090	June 2006	On schedule.
Cherbourg replacement fire station	✓	✓	\$0.009	\$0.441	TBA	An Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) must be negotiated before construction can commence. This can take up to two years.

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Doomadgee – equipment storage facility			\$0.013	\$0.137	June 2006	On schedule. In tender review stage. Construction to commence late March 2006.
Forest Hill – replacement fire station			\$0.042	\$0.450	June 2006	On schedule.
Hollywell – fire station upgrade		✓	\$0.011	\$0.544	April 2007	There have been extended negotiations with stakeholders about keeping an increasing scope of works within the project budget. In pre-design stage.
Maryborough – QFRS regional office			\$0.510	\$1.031	May 2006	On schedule.
Mt Gravatt – replacement fire station - Wishart		✓	\$0.414	\$2.504	September 2006	There were delays securing an optimal site for the replacement station. Currently In construction stage.
Oxley – replacement fire station Durack			\$0.134	\$2.529	November 2006	On schedule.

Joint Emergency Service Facilities

Highfields – new joint facility		✓	\$0.081	\$1.094	October 2006	Delays due to extended project scope. Currently In contract documentation stage.
Palm Island – DES joint facility	✓	✓	\$0.001	\$1.208	September 2007	Awaiting resolution of land acquisition. The project is now a part of the Whole-of-Government Initiative for Palm Island (Premier's 5 Point Plan). Department of Public Works is negotiating lease conditions for all departments.
Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy – air emission control		✓	\$0.326	\$2.113	September 2006	Delays have been experienced in documentation due to the complex technical nature of the project.
Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy – Complex improvements			NIL	\$0.500	June 2007	On schedule.
Queensland Combined Emergency Services Academy – Strategic development		✓	\$0.010	\$19.990	June 2008	A costed master plan, staging and procurement strategy is to be determined.

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Roma Replacement Station		✓	\$0.112	\$1.148	May 2007	There has been difficulty in developing a suitable concept plan. Currently reconsidering project scope.
Roma Street Station			\$2.246	\$14.273	November 2006	On schedule.