

Question on Notice
No. 1799
Asked on 1 November 2007

MR WEIGHTMAN asked the Minister for Public Works, Housing and Information and Communication Technology (MR SCHWARTEN)-

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline this Government's commitment to public works projects this year and next year (2008)?

ANSWER:

On behalf of the Queensland Government, the Department of Public Works is managing a number of significant projects valued at approximately \$7 billion that are either underway or planned to commence over the next 12 months. These include:

- the \$160 million Skilled Park Stadium at Robina which will create 2,000 jobs over the life of the project and is on target to be operational for the commencement of the 2008 National Rugby League season
- the \$63.3 million Tank Street Bridge which will be a pedestrian and cycle bridge in Brisbane's inner city, linking the city centre and South Brisbane at Kurilpa Point Park, completing a pedestrian and cycle loop linking the city and South Bank via the Goodwill Bridge. Site establishment for the Tank Street Bridge commenced in October 2007, with construction due to start in November 2007
- the \$52 million extensions to the Queensland State Archives facility at Runcorn which will almost double the storage capacity and are due to be completed in June 2008
- the \$101 million Brisbane Correctional Centre expansion and redevelopment that is scheduled for completion in January 2008
- the \$82 million State Tennis Centre which is on schedule to be completed by December 2008 in time for the Men's and Women's Australian Hard Court Championships in January 2009
- the \$125 million Townsville Women's Correctional Centre which is underway and work is scheduled for completion in April 2008
- the \$140 million Townsville Men's Correctional Centre expansion and redevelopment that is scheduled for completion in September 2008
- the \$15.5 million Rockhampton Riverbank Redevelopment project which will revitalise the areas between Hall Street, Victoria Park and the Alexandra rail bridge on the south side and sections between the rail bridge and the old bridge abutment on the north side. Stage 1 of the Rockhampton Riverbank Redevelopment will open soon
- the \$600 million Brisbane Supreme Court and District Court Building that is scheduled for completion in late 2011 and is currently in the initial design stage
- the \$40 million Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre Stage 2 Extension that is scheduled for completion in November 2008. When completed it will double the space in the exhibition hall and allow the Centre to host larger national and international events
- the \$49.5 million Prince Charles Hospital Stage 2 upgrade that is scheduled for completion in November 2008 and over the course of the project will create an estimated 375 jobs

- the \$77.1 million Rockhampton Hospital extension that is scheduled for completion in mid 2010 with tenders closing at the end of November 2007
- the \$700 million Queensland Children's Hospital that when completed in 2014 will provide for 400 beds in a highly specialised facility. The design team was appointed on 27 September 2007
- the \$1.23 billion Gold Coast University Hospital which will provide up to 750 beds when completed at the end of 2012. The building consultant for this project was appointed on 1 November 2007
- the \$290 million Knowledge Based Research and Business Project at Boggo Road and Coopers Plains which will provide an estimated 2,600. Construction is scheduled to be completed by mid 2010
- the Preparatory Year of Schooling facilities are being provided across the State at an estimated cost of \$260 million and are on track for completion in December 2007.