

Question on Notice

No. 1676

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MISS SIMPSON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT, TRADE, EMPLOYMENT AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS (MR MICKEL) —

QUESTION:

With reference to the 2007-08 Queensland Transport Annual Report which states that \$4.7m was provided for the Regional Airport Development Scheme with a further \$3.46m being allocated to 16 regional airport locations in 2008-09—

- (1) What regional airports received funding and how much was provided (reported separately)?
- (2) What was the project at each airport for 2007-08 (reported separately)?
- (3) What are the proposed 16 locations for 2008-09 (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

I am advised

- (1) The Regional Airport Development Scheme was developed to assist local governments upgrade airport infrastructure in regional and remote Queensland and ensure communities have air access to emergency evacuation and basic health, business, cultural and educational services in larger regional centres. Consistent with this objective the profile of the 2007-08 projects are proof of how the Regional Airport Development Scheme funding has gone to airport improvements, extending the travel options of residents in the remotest and most isolated of locations.

Together with additional Blueprint for the Bush funding, the State Government allocated \$4.017 million towards 27 projects in 2007-08. The projected funding figure of \$4.7 million provided for the Annual Report was subsequently revised when projects were completed under the original cost estimate. Other larger projects were deferred until the 2008-09 financial year due to adverse seasonal conditions. These were replaced by much smaller projects when councils sought assistance late in the financial year to satisfy improvements to their airports to achieve Civil Aviation Safety Authority certification.

For details of grants awarded to each airport see attachment 1.

- (2) Regional Airport Development Scheme funding is available to local government for up to 50% of the total estimated cost of works to seal, extend or re-seal runways, construct animal proof fencing or install runway lighting.

Funds in 2007-08 were awarded to councils for airport upgrades representing all of these types of projects.

For a description of the works supported at each airport see attachment 1.

- (3) Together with additional Blueprint for the Bush funding, the state government allocated \$4.16 million towards 16 projects in 2008-09.

In 2008-09 the state government will fund airport projects in partnership with local government and the Australian Government's Remote Aerodrome Safety Program. Several projects will be supported under a tripartite arrangement which is a good example of the three levels of government working together.

For further details about each of these airport projects see attachment 2.

Attachment (1) Regional Airport Development Scheme Projects 2007/08 (locations reported separately)

Project-Airport	Project Scope	QT Contribution 2007/08	Status
Alpha (B4B)	Construct animal proof fencing.	\$35,718	Completed
Augathella (B4B)	seal runway and install solar powered runway lighting	\$36,915	Completed
Bamaga/Injinoo (B4B) - Stage 1	Repair runway and clear obstacles surrounding the aerodrome	\$180,000	Completed
Barcaldine (Stage 1)	Re-seal runway, apron and taxiway areas.	\$505,630	Completed
Bedourie	Re-seal runway and pavement area	\$903,500	Completed
Bedourie	Preliminary work to prepare for gravel overlay	\$165,454	Completed
Birdsville (B4B)	Remove sand dune at end of runway.	\$39,546	Completed
Burketown (B4B)	Remove water tower, line marking, runway lighting upgrade, new wind indicator	\$48,139	Completed
Charleville (B4B)	Auxiliary power generator for airport's runway lighting	\$45,000	Completed
Charters Towers (B4B)	Seal the runway and install lighting	\$111,833	Completed
Coen	Renew Fencing	\$5,354	Completed
Dajarra (B4B)	Install runway lighting	\$50,000	Completed
Goondiwindi (B4B)	Re-seal runway.	\$58,000	Completed
Inglewood (B4B)	Runway extension and seal.	\$261,560	Completed
Injune (B4B)	Re-seal runway (stage1)	\$19,665	Completed
Innisfail	Runway lighting and animal proof fencing.	\$189,250	Completed
Mitchell	Install solar runway lighting	\$23,451	Completed
Mornington Island	Lighting upgrade (stage 1)	\$100,000	Completed
Normanton	Upgrade emergency lighting and install AWIS	\$23,945	Completed
Palm Island	Lighting improvements (stage 1)	\$93,000	Completed
Pompuraaw (B4B)	Replace fence, reseal runway, taxiway and apron area, and install runway lighting.	\$428,853	Completed
Richmond	Complete linemarking and install power generator for runway lighting	\$12,660	Completed
Roma	Upgrade taxiways, apron and lighting	\$500,000	Completed
Surat	Install animal proof fencing	\$49,750	Completed
Tambo (B4B)	Seal parking and turn-around ends, fence and install lighting.	\$40,000	Completed
Urandangi	Upgrade lighting	\$16,100	Completed
Winton (B4B)	Installation of runway lighting	\$74,400	Completed
Total		\$4,017,723	

(B4B) - funded through the blueprint for the Bush initiative.

Attachment (2) Regional Airport Development Scheme Projects 2008/09 (locations reported separately)

Project-Airport	Project Scope	QT Contribution 2008/09	Status
Adavale*	Install solar runway lighting and replace windsock	\$11,000	Approved
Bamaga/Injinoo (B4B) - Stage 2	Repair and reseal runway, drainage improvements and upgrade animal proof fencing	\$430,000	Approved
Barcaldine (Stage 2)	Re-seal runway, apron and taxiway areas (Stage 2).	\$505,630	Completed
Burketown (B4B)	Reseal runway, apron and taxiway	\$170,000	Approved
Charleville (B4B)	Apply second seal to main runway	\$136,064	Approved
Longreach	Apply 50 mm overlay to main runway	\$800,000	Approved
Nocculundra*	Install runway lighting and construct animal proof fencing	\$45,000	Approved
Injune (B4B)	Re-seal runway and undertake line-marking - final stage	\$33,560	Approved
Eromanga*	Install runway lighting	\$13,333	Approved
Kowanyama	Extend and seal apron	\$140,604	Completed
Boulia (B4B)	Extend runway by 400 metres	\$375,000	Approved
Mornington Island (B4B)	Repair and reseal areas of pavement	\$580,000	Approved
Normanton (B4B)*	Upgrade emergency and runway lighting and install AWIS	\$100,000	Approved
Palm Island	Apron extension and re-seal. Lighting upgrade	\$700,000	Approved
Miles (B4B)	Construction of animal proof fencing	\$69,935	Approved
Surat (B4B)	Runway widening - RFDS operations	\$51,000	Approved
Total		\$4,161,126	

(B4B) - funded through the Blueprint for the Bush initiative.