

Question on Notice
No. 1808
Asked on 25 November 2008

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

QUESTION:

With reference to public works projects currently underway –

- (1) What major projects were expected to have been completed in the last 18 months, which ones have been delayed and when will each of these be completed?
- (2) What is the additional cost per project incurred by the relevant department for these delays?

ANSWER:

Attachment A provides details only on the Department of Public Works capital works projects over the value of \$3 million, for the period of June 2007 to December 2008. Should the member require further information relevant to the other agency's capital works, it is suggested he ask the relevant Minister.

Name of Project	Original completion date	Actual date (1)	Original budget	Actual Budget	Reasons for delays
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS					
Palm Island Office Building	October 2008	February 2009	\$12.87 million	\$12.87 million	Protracted negotiations with the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council to secure a suitable construction site.
Garbutt Office refurbishment	September 2008	January 2009	\$3.5 million	\$3.5 million	At this time, materials and labour shortages were caused due to over-heated construction conditions in Townsville.
Boggo Road Urban Village	December 2006	October 2009 (planned)	\$45.5 million	\$45.5 million	The delay in obtaining planning approval from the Brisbane City Council (BCC) caused by the realignment of the Busway, and the length of time the BCC took to decide the application was 26 months. The delay caused by the later start and longer construction time as tendered by Watpac was eight months causing an overall delay of 34 months from the preliminary program which accompanied the Executive Government submission.
Rockhampton Riverbank Redevelopment Stage 2	July 2008	March 2009	\$6 million	\$6 million	The Rockhampton City Council has not provided a development approval for the Pontoon and Boat Ramp which has caused the delay to this project.

Rockhampton Beef Australia	July 2008	December 2008	\$3.475 million	\$3.475 million	Delays were caused by site related issues, changes to the scope and re-design to ensure budget was maintained.
Queensland State Archives Expansion Project	August 2008	June 2008	\$52 million	\$52 million	