Question on Notice

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MR HOBBS asked the Minister for Main Roads and Local Government (MR PITT) -

QUESTION:

Will he list all major capital works projects by his department from 1 July 2006 to date that exceed an original cost estimate of $30m and have not yet been completed (listing separately for each project the original cost projection and the current estimated cost for each project)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Warrego for the question.

Local Government

Department of Local Government does not administer any capital works projects with a cost estimate exceeding $30 million.

Main Roads

The honourable member is aware that every year, the Department of Main Roads publishes a five-year rolling program of works called the Roads Implementation Program (RIP). The 2007-08 to 2011-12 RIP provides $13.3 billion over five years from 2007-08, on the basis that funding for projects in years one and two is firm, with years three to five indicative for planning purposes.

The 2007-08 RIP represents an increase of $1.75 billion (15%) over the $11.55 billion provided in the 2006-07 RIP, and an increase of $5.3 billion (67%) when compared to the previous five years of road funding.

A decade ago, the five year RIP was $5.2 billion.

The Roads Implementation Program (RIP) reflects clear and open statements of what road projects the state government intends to do – subject to normal road engineering risks (for example, geological and climatic conditions; land acquisition, environmental, cultural heritage issues; results of community consultation and industry market forces.)

Queensland is the only state or territory government that provides a five-year rolling plan of what it intends to do on the roads front. The RIP allows local government, industry and the community to plan ahead with confidence. Main Roads' public consultation processes provide extensive opportunities for local communities to influence our thinking at all stages of road construction – planning, design and project delivery.

There are 2,500 Main Roads' projects published in the 2007-08 to 2011-12 RIP, with over 1,000 of these projects incurring expenditure in the 2007-08 financial year.

The significant capital funding programs planned for this and future years are built on a history of sound project prioritisation and efficient delivery of road transport infrastructure. Over the past two years, Main Roads has fully delivered its capital works program, and is on target to again deliver its works program in 2007-08.

Projects as at 1 July 2006 (as detailed in 2006-07 to 2010-11 RIP) which were estimated to exceed the total cost of $30m and have not yet been completed are listed below.

Pacific Highway (Pacific Motorway), Tugun - Tweed Heads, construct 4 lane bypass.

South West Arterial, Springfield – Yamanto, construct to new sealed two lane standard.

Cunningham Highway (Ipswich Motorway), Logan Motorway interchange.

Bruce Highway (Brisbane - Gympie), Uhlmann Road – Caboolture, widen 4 to 6 lanes.

Sunshine Motorway (Mooloolaba - Peregian), Maroochydore Road - Pacific Paradise, duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Maroochydore, Bruce Highway - Pike Street / Hobbs Road, construct to new sealed 4 lane standard.

Caloundra, Bruce Highway - Pierce Avenue, duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Bruce Highway (Brisbane - Gympie), Gympie urban section, duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Dawson Highway (Gladstone - Biloela), Accelerated Road Rehabilitation Project Dawson Highway including the construction of an additional four bridges (Scrubby Creek, Oaky Creek, Neville Creek and Lonesome Creek).

Caloundra – Mooloolaba, Section: 0 - 5.0km, construct to new sealed 2 lane standard.

Brisbane – Beenleigh, Fletcher Street - Boundary Street, duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Sunshine Motorway (Tanawha - Mooloolaba), Sippy Downs - Kawana Arterial (Military Road), duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Sunshine Motorway (Mooloolaba - Peregian), Mooloolaba Road / Maroochydore Road, interchange improvements.

Sunshine Motorway (Mooloolaba - Peregian), Pacific Paradise interchange and access - David Low Way, construct interchange.

Cunningham Arterial (Ipswich Motorway), Wacol – Darra, widen 4 to 6 lanes
Bruce Highway (Ingham - Innisfail), Corduroy Creek - Banyan Creek, realign 2 lanes.

Bruce Highway (Townsville - Ingham), Townsville Ring Road Stages 2 and 3 (Upper Ross River Road - Shaw Road), construct to new sealed 2 lane standard.

Hope Island, Santa Barbara Road - Lae Drive (sections), duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

Mount Lindesay Arterial, Acacia Ridge railway crossing, grade separation (road / rail).

Mount Lindesay Highway (Brisbane - Beaudesert), Green Road / Fedrick Street - Talinga Drive - Rosia Road, duplicate 2 to 4 lanes.

As well, the electronic appendix in the Main Roads Annual Report for 2006-07 outlines all roads projects costing $1 million or more, for which a variation greater than ten percent has been sought throughout the previous RIP cycle, and the reasons hereto. Similar details will be provided for road projects costing $1 million or more incurring variations greater than ten percent in the 2007-08 Annual Report.