

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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asked on Tuesday, 23 March 2010

MS STUCKEY ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (MS JONES)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the government's \$1.5m election promise to restore Kirra—

How much of this funding is remaining, what plans does the government have for the remainder of the funding, and what is the timeline for these plans?

ANSWER:

The Government committed \$1.5 million in the 2009 election to reduce the width of Kirra Beach through beach scraping works.

Around \$715,000 is allocated for remaining works that may be required towards long term solutions for Kirra Beach.

With the remainder of the cyclone season yet to come, beach conditions at Kirra will continue to be monitored to assess the impact of works so far and decide whether further beach scraping works are required. It is likely that a decision will be made in May in after consultation with key stakeholders in regards to what remaining works should be undertaken.

We are also working on longer term solutions to prevent any future sand build-up at Kirra and to better manage the highly variable natural sand supply rates in the future.

This includes designing the sand bypassing project so that it also pumps sand south as well as north of the Tweed River.

Another involves having the sand that is dredged from the mouth of the Tweed River shipped longer distances to the beaches further north of Snapper Rocks and Kirra.

I expect to have a report back on these options and others later this year.