

Question on Notice

No. 761

Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

MR SORENSEN asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail as at 30 June 2015, all capital works projects in the electorates of Hervey Bay, Greenslopes, Dalrymple and Capalaba, administered by the portfolio's departments, agencies and associated entities which were identified as being (a) overdue, and/or (b) over budget, including a brief description as to why either (a) or (b) applies?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Hervey Bay for the question.

In the electorates of Hervey Bay, Greenslopes, Dalrymple and Capalaba as at 30 June 2015, the following capital projects were considered overdue:

Greenslopes Electorate:

- South–East Arterial Road (Pacific Motorway), ramp signalling. Initial delays in finalising the procurement process.

Dalrymple Electorate:

- Kennedy Highway (Ravenshoe – Mount Garnet): Widen and overlay. This project was delayed due to wet weather in the early part of 2015 and the need to repair new pavement damaged as a result of vehicle traffic in the wet conditions.
- Gillies Range Road: Improve intersections. This project was delayed due to wet weather as a result of Cyclone Ita and extensive monsoonal activity in early 2014, together with the need to complete the higher priority Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements (NDRRA) work ahead of the Pearamon Road work.
- Powerlink: Moranbah Transformer Replacement – the timing of this has been delayed due to the impacts of a declining electricity load profile, which has driven a significant revision of the original project scope and timing.
- Powerlink: Moranbah Area Capacitor Bank – this project is being delivered in parallel with the transformer replacement project mentioned above. A declining electricity load forecast has meant the need for an additional capacitor bank in the region has been delayed.
- Powerlink: Control and monitoring systems at QR/Aurizon sites – project is pending agreement of a final engineering solution with an impacted customer.
- Powerlink: Accurate Fault Locator Installations - majority of works complete, finalisation is awaiting a computer systems upgrade for secondary systems equipment to bring these systems up to current standards.

Capalaba Electorate:

- Birkdale Road: Improve intersections. To make efficient use of district resources, the project was deferred to allow packaging with other works on road. This programming of works minimises disruption to road users and delivers cost benefits to the district.

The following projects were considered to be over budget as at 30 June 2015:

Greenslopes Electorate:

- Energex (C0139853 - Coorparoo (CPR) - Replace 2 x 33/11 kV Transformers and 11 kV Switchboard) - the increase in budget associated with this project is due to escalation of the original budget in line with external market factors. The current approved budget includes all risk factors and provisions.

The following projects were considered to be overdue and over budget as at 30 June 2015:

Capalaba Electorate:

- Seqwater: Capalaba Water Treatment Plant – Overdue due to scope increases to the originally planned project. An internal visual inspection of the filtration system revealed that more work than expected was required. As the upgrade progressed, problems with other infrastructure at the plant were also identified and rectified as appropriate. Over budget due to scope increases to the originally planned project. An internal visual inspection of the filtration system revealed that more work than expected was required. As the upgrade progressed, problems with other infrastructure at the plant were also identified and rectified as appropriate.

It should be noted that these projects were scheduled for works under the previous administration and the Palaszczuk Government assumed responsibility on 14 February 2015.