

Question on Notice

No. 762

Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

MR ELMES 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 Nanango, Nicklin, Noosa and Murrumba, 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 Noosa for the question.

In the electorates of Nanango, Nicklin, and Murrumba as at 30 June 2015, the following capital projects were considered overdue:

Nanango Electorate:

- New England Highway (Yarraman – Toowoomba): Replace bridge/s and approaches. Project delayed by unfavourable weather conditions and difficulties in sourcing suitable embankment materials.
- Powerlink: Accurate Fault Locator Installations Overdue - majority of works complete, finalisation is awaiting a computer systems upgrade for secondary systems equipment to bring these systems up to current standards.

Nicklin Electorate:

- David Low Way Cycle Facility: Construct cycleways. Project was delayed during preconstruction to negotiate improved scope and funding source.

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

Nanango Electorate:

- D'Aguilar Highway (Yarraman – Kingaroy): Construct overtaking lane/s. This project forms part of the Theebine–Kingaroy Rail funding to South Burnett Regional Council to ameliorate for loss of service from the rail closure. Additional sub-grade treatment design works were required due to unstable natural ground (high water table), as well as additional drainage works.

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