

Question on Notice

No. 1100

Asked on 5 September 2018

MR A PERRETT asked the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (Hon S Hinchliffe) –

QUESTION:

With reference to projects funded under the 2016-17 Works for Queensland (W4Q) program and the guidelines which state that projects must be completed by 30 November 2017 and the final 10 percent of payments will be made on completion of the project—

Will the Minister advise (a) what projects were not completed by 30 November 2017, (b) which councils, and for what projects, sought an extension to the completion date, (c) when were the extensions granted, and names of the projects, (d) how many projects remain outstanding for completion and (e) how much remains to be acquitted, and for what projects?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Gympie for the question.

In 2016-17, under the first round of the Works for Queensland program, a total of 749 projects were approved for 65 Councils.

Councils reported that the 2016-17 Works for Queensland program supported more than 8,400 jobs in regional Queensland; more than the 6,300 jobs the program was forecast by Councils to generate.

In November 2017, the then Department of Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (now Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs) contacted all 65 Councils asking them to confirm practical completion of their 2016-17 Works for Queensland projects.

- (a)(b) Of the 749 projects approved under the 2016-17 Works for Queensland Program, 49 projects across 19 Councils were not completed by 30 November 2017 (**Attachment 1**). It should be noted that 32 of the 49 projects were subsequently completed by 31 January 2018. The remaining 17 projects were completed between 1 February 2018 and 30 June 2018.
- (c) Councils are responsible for managing their projects within the proscribed timeframes, including applying for extensions of time. Based on applications received from Councils, the Department granted extensions of time in February and April 2018 (**Attachment 1**).

- (d) At 30 June 2018, all 65 Councils had advised all funded projects were complete.
- (e) The amount to be acquitted at a project level cannot be provided, as Works for Queensland is paid as an allocation-based program. All projects were completed by 30 June 2018 however Boulia Shire, Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire, Paroo Shire, Longreach Regional and Townsville City Councils are acquitting the final 10 per cent of their grant allocation. There is currently \$2,650,000 remaining to be paid.

ATTACHMENT 1

(a) (b) (c) The following projects were not completed by 30 November 2017 and were therefore granted extensions of time (EOT). The table shows the council name, project title, and the month and year the extension was granted.

Council (b)	Project title (a, b &c)	When EOT was granted (c)
Blackall-Tambo Regional Council	Blackall Cultural Centre	February 2018
Boulia Shire Council	Urandangie Park	April 2018
Burke Shire Council	Water treatment plant upgrades Gregory and Burketown	February 2018
Burke Shire Council	Cemetery Niche Walls	February 2018
Cairns Regional Council	Red Arrow Walking Trail	February 2018
Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council	Bert Button Look-out Public Toilet Upgrade	February 2018
Cook Shire Council	Cooktown Waterfront Recreational Area Works	February 2018
Cook Shire Council	Portland Road Picnic Area	February 2018
Etheridge Shire Council	Beautification of the Copperfield Gorge Rest Area - Einasleigh	February 2018
Etheridge Shire Council	Lynd Junction Community Shed	February 2018
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Lighting Queens Park, Maryborough	February 2018
Fraser Coast Regional Council	K&C Replacement & Extensions - Southern	February 2018
Gympie Regional Council	Mary Valley Heritage Rail (The Valley Rattler) Infrastructure	February 2018
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Community Hall Road	February 2018
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Community Hall Carpark	February 2018
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	Sport and Recreation Precinct (Water Park)	February 2018
Longreach Regional Council	Ilfracombe Park Play Equipment and Fencing	February 2018
Longreach Regional Council	Isisford Park Play Equipment	February 2018
Longreach Regional Council	Sewerage Treatment Plant	April 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Chambers maintenance	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Chamber Office extension - Extra toilet	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC contractor Accommodation upgrade	February 2018

Council (b)	Project title (a, b &c)	When EOT was granted (c)
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Chamber Carport awning	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Works compound upgrade - construction	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Ranger boat shed	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Park upgrade - replace old play equipment	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Mapoon Playgroup - soft fall and play equipment	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	MASC Accommodation verandah	February 2018
Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council	Mapoon dog pound facility	February 2018
Mount Isa City Council	Family Fun Park Precinct - Skate park renewal and upgrade	February 2018
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Bamaga Hall	February 2018
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Umagico Hall	February 2018
Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Bamaga Oval Building upgrade (3 Phase)	February 2018
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Coolgaree Bay Foreshore Redevelopment	February 2018
Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	Coolgaree Bay Community Connectivity	February 2018
Paroo Shire Council	Cunnamulla Curb and Channel Project	April 2018
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Secure area to store containers etc	February 2018
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Replacement of Munkan Toilets	February 2018
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Amenities in Rangers Shed	February 2018
Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council	Upgrade of Main Contractors Camp	February 2018
Richmond Shire Council	Upgrade to Water Park	February 2018
Richmond Shire Council	New Tennis Club House	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	HI Playground Shade Structure	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	Wasaga Hall/Depot - Roof Replacement and Refurbishment	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	TI Victoria Parade Drainage	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	TI Public Toilet Replacement	February 2018

Council (b)	Project title (a, b &c)	When EOT was granted (c)
Torres Shire Council	TI Playground Shade Covers - Anzac Park	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	TI Playground Shade Covers - Rosehill	February 2018
Torres Shire Council	TI Playground Shade Covers - Bayo Beach Park	February 2018

(d) All projects are now complete as reported by Council.

(e) The following table shows the five councils which are yet to acquit their funding, and the amount to be acquitted which is equal to 10% of the Council's allocation. The amount to be acquitted at a project level cannot be provided as Works for Queensland is an allocation based program.

Council	Amount to be acquitted (10% of allocation)
Boulia Shire Council	103,000.00
Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council	119,000.00
Longreach Regional Council	122,000.00
Paroo Shire Council	120,000.00
Townsville City Council	2,186,000.00
Total	2,650,000.00