

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 767**

**Asked on 15 June 2021**

**MS A LEAHY** asked the Deputy Premier and Minister for State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning (HON S MILES) –

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the Answer to the Question on Notice Number 7 from the 2020 Estimates Committee Hearing for State Development and Regional Industries Committee—

Will the government advise when Councils are required to complete their projects (a) approved on 8 July 2020 for the 2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland, and (b) for those approved on 23 July 2020 for 2020-21 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Package program?

### **ANSWER:**

Projects approved under the 2020-21 COVID Works for Queensland and the Unite and Recover Community Stimulus Package (2020-21 South East Queensland Community Stimulus Package program) are to be completed by 30 June 2021.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges for councils in delivering their projects on time, including access to materials and specialist contractors and staff. Some projects have also been impacted by price changes in contractors and material costs due to the heightened demand.

The Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning has been closely monitoring program delivery and where councils have been unable to deliver their projects on time, are working proactively with them to determine a suitable solution.