

Question on Notice

No. 1191

Asked on Thursday, 27 October 2022

MR T MANDER ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND HOUSING, MINISTER FOR DIGITAL ECONOMY AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy Capital Program outlined on page 10 of the 2022–23 Service Delivery Statement— Will the Minister provide (a) a list of all capital programs which recorded an underspend in 2021–22 and the dollar value of the underspend per program and (b) a list of all capital grants which recorded an underspend in 2021–22 and the dollar value of the underspend per program?

ANSWER:

Although the Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy were able to progress a number of capital programs across portfolios in 2021-22, current global issues experienced in the construction industries have contributed to the reported capital underspend. Critical shortages in building materials and skills as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, unprecedented natural disasters and other economic factors have impacted all jurisdictions and Queensland has not been immune to this.

Capital programs that were impacted in 2021-22 have had all funds retained and reprofiled to future years, including:

- New Performing Arts Venue construction at the Queensland Performing Arts Centre was significantly impacted by flooding (that resulted in 30.5 million litres of inundation across QPAC areas) and supply chain issues, which caused \$51.1 million to be reprofiled to 2022-23 and 2023-24.
- Queensland Cultural Centre cladding remediation works were impacted by supply chain issues, which caused \$2.1 million to be reprofiled to 2022-23.
- Queensland Cultural Centre critical infrastructure works, Stage 2, 2021 to 2025 were impacted by natural disasters which caused \$1.6 million to be reprofiled to 2022-23.
- Lyons Street Diversionary Centre Expansion was intentionally rescoped to allow the Centre to be re-designed to provide extra facilities to complement a women's only wing with the 14 beds which resulted in \$1.9 million being reprofiled to 2022-23.
- Community Services general property upgrades were impacted by materials and skills shortages, which caused \$1.8 million to be reprofiled to 2022-23.
- The Ripley Neighbourhood Centre required further negotiations with stakeholders, which caused \$1.3 million to be reprofiled to future years.
- State-wide social housing programs were impacted by natural disasters and supply chain issues, which caused \$31.7 million for construction to be reprofiled to future years, along with \$8.7 million for upgrades and \$10.6 million for land acquisition.

Capital grants include:

- The Yarrabilba Hive works were impacted by natural disasters and supply chain issues, which caused \$0.5 million to be reprofiled to 2022-23. The Yarrabilba Hive will be officially opened shortly.
- Social and Indigenous housing programs were impacted by natural disasters and supply chain issues, which caused \$78.2 million to be reprofiled to future years.