

Question on Notice

No. 597

Asked on 21 June 2022

MR D LAST ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 125 asked on 15 March 2022 regarding the two contracts awarded to WBHO Infrastructure—

Will the Minister advise (a) has a contractor been appointed to undertake the remaining work associated with the contract issued to WBHO in September 2020 and, if so, what is the scheduled completion date, (b) has a contractor been appointed to undertake the remaining work associated with the contract issued to WBHO in February 2021 and, if so, what is the scheduled completion date and (c) is the 're-awarding' of these contracts expected to result in extra costs and, if so, what are the additional costs and where will these costs be met from?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Burdekin for the question.

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has developed a strategy to deliver the full scope of the remaining works at projects affected by the WBHO infrastructure voluntary administration, which will include engaging new contractors.

As these projects are jointly funded between the Queensland and the Australian governments, approval of the strategy is required by the Australian Government. Until such time that Australian Government approval is received, it is not appropriate to release revised delivery timelines or costing information, however, TMR can confirm that the project sites will be appropriately maintained until recommencement of works.