

Question on Notice

No. 18

Asked on 13 February 2024

MR B HEAD ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS AND MINISTER FOR DIGITAL SERVICES (HON B MELLISH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the construction of the John Peterson Bridge located on the Mundubbera Durong Rd, crossing the Boyne River at Derri Derra which was finalised in December 2023—

Will the Minister (a) advise the total construction cost (reported separately by financial year and the funding entity (state or federal)) and (b) provide a breakdown of the total cost by design, materials, labour, earthworks, overheads and other expenses?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Callide for the question.

- (a) The Mundubbera–Durong Road, John Peterson Bridge (Boyne River) opened to traffic on 14 June 2023. The project is funded on an 80:20 basis by the Australian and Queensland governments and included in the *Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program 2022–23 to 2025–26*. Like many projects across Australia, John Peterson Bridge was subject to increased costs following the impacts of the pandemic and local supply chain issues (such as escalation of costs for fuel and bitumen). Local site-specific issues also contributed to the cost increase due to the unsuitability of local ground materials for reuse, and the need to provide safe school bus access to Boynewood State School, following the realignment of Mundubbera–Durong Road. The total cost of the project as at the end of January 2024 was \$32,164,941.93. Some additional finishing works were completed in February 2024. A breakdown of the project cost by financial year is provided under part (b). The Queensland Government is providing the additional funding to complete the project and is in discussion with the Australian Government about its contribution toward the cost increase.
- (b) The expenditure breakdown to date is as follows:
- 2019–20 overheads (administration) were \$56,163.76
 - 2019–20 development (design, resumptions, PUP) was \$377,340.91
 - 2019–20 implementation (contract, associated fees and services) was \$357,398.85
 - 2019–20 total costs were \$790,903.52
 - 2020–21 overheads (administration) were \$30,755.25
 - 2020–21 development (design, resumptions, PUP) were \$909,634.87
 - 2020–21 implementation (contract, associated fees and services) were \$72,943.53
 - 2020–21 total costs were \$1,013,333.65
 - 2021–22 overheads (administration) were \$291,425.45
 - 2021–22 development (design, resumptions, PUP) was \$292,228.49
 - 2021–22 implementation (contract, associated fees and services) was \$8,502,863.89
 - 2021–22 total costs were \$9,386,517.83
 - 2022–23 overheads (administration) were \$967,066.48
 - 2022–23 development (design, resumptions, PUP) was \$45,418.56
 - 2022–23 implementation (contract, associated fees and services) was \$19,447,693.46
 - 2022–23 total costs were \$20,460,178.50
 - July 2023 to end January 2024 overheads (administration) were \$35,608.00

- July 2023 to end January 2024 development (design, resumptions, PUP) was \$45,000.00
- July 2023 to end January 2024 implementation (contract, associated fees and services) was \$433,400.43
- July 2023 to end January 2024 total costs were \$514,008.43.