

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Hersey to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Katherine Flood Mitigation Works

The 2021 NT Government Budget allocated \$10 million for the Katherine North flood mitigation works.

Building tender T20-1669 was awarded on 22 November 2021 to Black Cat Civil Pty Ltd for \$10,316,746.73 for the provision of a flood mitigation levee (northern section).

On 22 October 2022, the NT Government announced completion of flood mitigation works in Katherine North.

1. Were there any contract variations for the flood mitigation works in Katherine North? If so, what were they and how much did the variations cost?
2. What is the total expenditure for flood mitigation works in Katherine North?
3. The original design specification showed sections of the Katherine North flood mitigation works to include the construction of levee banks that were 2 metres in height, 15 metres wide, with a bike path on top. This does not appear to have been constructed. What changes were made to the design of the levee and why were these changes made?
4. The levee design includes concrete barriers, which are situated off-site but are installed when flood warnings are made. Where are these barriers stored, who manages them and what emergency orders are in place for their installation in the case of a flood?
5. Who is responsible for the ongoing mowing and clearing maintenance of flood mitigation drains? What is the ongoing budgeted cost of this maintenance?
6. Who maintains and operates the flood warning system (sirens)?
7. Original plans for the flood mitigation levee showed reticulation and vegetation along the levee for beautification purposes. When will this work be completed and will it come at further cost or is this included in the scope of works already paid to the contractor?
8. Will the completion of the flood mitigation levee provide residents any insurance premium relief?

9. An additional \$10 million (\$9.4m in federal funds + \$600K top up from NTG) has been allocated to the Katherine South flood levy project. When will this design and construct tender be released?