

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Maley to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

Nightcliff Police Station

The design and construction tender for the Nightcliff Police Station was awarded in December 2019 for \$10.6 million GST Inc. and construction commenced in April 2020, scheduled for completion in early 2021.

Questions:

- 1. Were there any tender variations for this project? If so, how many and what was the cost?**

Yes. There was a total of 37 variations at a cost of \$2 074 013 for the Nightcliff Police Station - Design & Construction Tender. All variations were within the project budget allocation of \$13.2M (GST incl).

- 2. Were there any cost blowouts above the \$10.6 million contract price? If so, what were the issues and how much were the cost blowouts?**

The project was delivered within the approved budget. Variations relate to asbestos removal, design changes required to sewer lines, changes in communication requirements, security access, revision to footings due to unsuitable soil and car park shading.

- 3. Construction of the Nightcliff Police Station was scheduled for completion in early 2021. Why was this extended to December 2021?**

In April 2020, latent site conditions were identified with existing fill containing organic and inorganic debris at approximately 800mm depth. It is suspected the debris originated from historic demolition prior to the now removed flats. Additional work was required to remediate this debris (including asbestos) before construction of the Police Station could commence.

- 4. Was there any asbestos found during the demolition of previous housing in John Stokes Square? If so, what was the remediation cost of removing the asbestos? Was this included in the original contract price or was this additional? If so, how much was the asbestos remediation cost?**

Yes, a substantial amount of asbestos was found underneath the slab of each of the previous houses within John Stokes Square. This was not

included in the original contract price. The cost to remove the asbestos for the police station site was an additional \$702 031.

5. What was the impact of part road closures on Progress Drive on the Nightcliff shopping precinct? How many businesses closed in this area during this period?

A communication plan was developed and implemented for the duration of the project. All stakeholders were regularly updated throughout the project. Communication included a website, project hotline and stakeholder visits.