

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Flood Mitigation in Alice Springs

1. What flood mitigation projects are currently being undertaken by the NT Government in Alice Springs?

Government is undertaking preliminary investigations to test the viability of structural mitigation options, to reduce the frequency and impact of flooding in Alice Springs, in accordance with the recommendations by the Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee.

2. What funding has the NT Government allocated to flood mitigation in Alice Springs?

Budget 2018 has provided \$500,000 in 2018-19 for digital modelling of structural mitigation measures and a further \$500,000 in 2019-20 to design the best flood mitigation solution, following the outcomes of the digital modelling.

The 10 Year Infrastructure Plan 2018-2027 identifies new infrastructure to mitigate flooding in Alice Springs staged over the medium and longer term (3 – 10 years).

3. What is the NT Government's plan for mitigating the impact of floods in Alice Springs?

In accordance with recommendations from the Alice Springs Flood Mitigation Advisory Committee report released in June 2017, updated topographic data has been captured and an updated Alice Springs digital flood model is expected to be complete by February 2019.

The results of this updated information will help to inform the best structural mitigation solutions to progress to design in 2019-20, in consultation with key stakeholders including pastoral lease holders and native title holders.

4. Is the NT Government considering building a bridge across the Taffy Pick Crossing in Alice Springs, to ease the pressure of flooding on residents and businesses in Desert Springs?

Engineering assessment and community feedback indicate that the preferred option for flood immunity for this area is a connector road from Stephens Road to Sadadeen Road, via direct road link. This supports all-year-round flood free access, improves road network and supports land development.

A bridge across the Casino (Taffy Pick) causeway is no longer under consideration.