LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Remote and Regional Airstrips

Questions:

1.   What was the cost of operating and maintaining remote aerodromes across the Territory over the past year? Has the 2022-23 budget increased, decreased or remained the same?

In 2021-22, the expenditure for operating and maintaining 69 remote aerodromes in the Territory was $3.11 million.

In 2022-23, the budget for operating and maintaining 69 remote aerodromes in the Territory is $3.28 million.

2.   How many remote and regional airstrips were upgraded and/or sealed in the past year?

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3.   How many remote and regional airstrips are projected to have upgrades and/or be sealed this coming year?

In 2022-23, DIPL anticipates delivering various upgrade works at 13 aerodromes across the territory.

4.   When will the Ampilatwatja airstrip be sealed? What is the estimated cost of this?

An Aerodrome Safety Inspection, conducted in 2021, indicated the runway and associated drainage to be in good working condition.

DIPL has no current plans or funding allocated to upgrade the airstrip to seal in the short term. The estimated cost to upgrade Ampilatwatja Aerodrome to seal standard is approximately $2.5 - $3.0 million.

5.   When will the Ali Curung airstrip be sealed? What is the estimated cost of this?

Work to upgrade Ali Curung Airstrip to seal standard is expected to commence mid-2023, with works scheduled for completion by late 2023.

The estimated cost to upgrade Ali Curung Aerodrome to seal standard is approximately $2.35 million.

6.   **There is $2.35 million in the budget for the Ali Curung aerodrome to seal and line mark the airstrip. Nothing was done last year and the funding rolled over. When will this work commence and when is it expected to be completed?**

Please refer to Question 5.

7.   **I note that there is still no funding in the budget to seal the Ampilatwatja airstrip. When will your government commit funding to this project?**

Please refer to Question 4.