

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Infrastructure:

Roads

- 1. The Central Arnhem Highway has \$116 million of revoted works and \$48 million for new works. Last year the budget announced \$120 million for the central Arnhem Highway – does that mean that only \$4 million has been spent during this financial year? How much of the \$164 million in this budget is projected to be spent in the 23/24 financial year?**

Revote published in Budget Paper No. 4 (BP4) is indicative, based on an estimate made prior to the end of the financial year.

\$5.33 million was expended under the Capital Works in 2022-23 on Central Arnhem Road upgrades, bringing total expenditure over the life of the funding package to \$18.2 million.

\$1.99 million was expended under maintenance in 2022-23 on Central Arnhem Road from the Stuart Highway to the Dhupuma Road intersection.

It is anticipated that \$5 million will be expended under Capital Works in the 2023-24 financial year. The following eight projects are identified for delivery on the Central Arnhem Road:

- Four construction contracts will be awarded by the last quarter of the 2023-24:
 - Package 3 - upgrade and seal 18 kilometre section through Mountain Valley (Chainage 158 to 176 kilometres)
 - Package 5A – upgrade and seal 10 kilometre section from Giddies River to Dhupuma Road (Chainage 635 to 645 kilometres)
 - Package 6 – upgrade and seal 28.5 kilometre section from the Stuart Highway to Barunga (Chainage 0 to 28.5 kilometres)
 - Package 7 – upgrade and seal 22 kilometre section from Rusty Hole to Jurassic Park Lookout (Chainage 97 to 119 kilometres)
- One project will have achieved statutory approval and moved to design phase:
 - Package 4 – upgrade and seal 4 kilometre section at Waterhouse River and Dook Creek flood plain (Chainage 56 to 60 kilometres)
- Three projects will have progressed to the statutory approval phase:
 - Package 5B – upgrade and seal 45 kilometre section from Dhalinbuy to Giddies (Chainage 590 to 635 kilometres)

- Package 5C – upgrade and seal 46 kilometre section from Garrthalala to Dhalinbuy (Chainage 544 to 590 kilometres)
- Package 8 – upgrade and seal 21 kilometre section through Mainoru (Chainage 176 to 197 kilometres)

2. A late wet season for Gove meant the road remained in poor condition for a longer period of time last year. What works are expected during the 23/24 financial year that will help residents of homelands to have road access all year round?

In 2023-24, \$29.7 million has been allocated to upgrade and maintenance projects in the Gove region, including:

- \$24.8 million for Central Arnhem Road upgrades;
- \$0.7 million to reseal Golf Club Road;
- \$0.2 million to reseal Melville Bay Road at the Drimmie Head intersection;
- \$0.95 million upgrades to turning lane and culverts on Drimmie Head intersection;
- \$0.8 million to gravel resheet selected section of Central Arnhem Road;
- \$1.1 million to carry out routine maintenance of various NT Government managed roads such as grading, drainage repairs, shoulder repairs, etc.; and
- \$1.2 million emergency works following East Arnhem flooding event in April 2023.

3. What funds and works are budgeted for The Ramingining Link Road for the 23/24 financial year? And when will the work happen?

- In 2023-24, \$550 000 has been allocated to maintain Maningrida-Ramingining roads.
- \$0.6 million allocated to gravel resheet section of Maningrida Road.
- Works are carried out as and when required.
- Maintenance grading is scheduled for quarter 4- 2023 to maintain the Ramingining – Central Arnhem Road.