

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Coolalinga Road Safety Upgrades

A fact sheet dated February 2021 on your Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DIPL) web page states that a construction tender for the proposed Coolalinga Road safety upgrades is expected to be released in October 2021 and subsequent works expected to commence in 2022.

Questions:

- 1. When will the construction tender for these works be released? What has caused the delay? Will this also result in a delay in commencing the works in 2022?**

Design works are now due for completion in early 2022, with works still forecast to commence in 2022. Extensive stakeholder discussions have required design work to be extended on this complex road project.

- 2. You have already spent \$396,973.50 on the design and documentation. What is your construction budget to complete these works?**

The total project budget to \$28.6 million (GST excl).

- 3. Do you have a budget contingency for any possible budget blowouts? How much is your budget contingency?**

Contingency is refined over the project lifecycle and will be considered at the time of tender according to the project risk profile after design is complete.

- 4. Once this project has commenced, how long do you anticipate the works that impact on traffic and pedestrians in Coolalinga, will take?**

Stage One works are forecast to have a duration of 12 to 18 months and Stage Two works approximately six months.

During construction, not all works will have a direct impact on road users however in order to provide a safe environment for construction workers and road users, traffic management will be implemented.

- 5. What changes have been made to final design documentation as shown on the DIPL web page fact sheet, since the public consultation phase?**

The detailed design is in progress and at this stage no changes have been made to the final design released on the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' website.

- 6. Why didn't you consult with the public and stakeholders about these changes?**

Refer response to Question 5.

- 7. In any other major capital, on-off exit-entry ramps onto a major highway would be expected. Why have you designed 3 sets of traffic lights on the Stuart Highway within a few hundred metres of each other?**

The design released on the Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics' website was finalised after extensive planning and consultation with the community and affected landowners. The final design for Coolalinga Road Safety Upgrades balances safety, site constraints and stakeholder requirements.