

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Major Cost Blowouts for Berrimah Road – Tiger Brennan Overpass

Originally quoted by the NT Government in August 2021 as a \$61.5 million project, to be funded 50/50 by the Federal and Territory Government, the Berrimah Road – Tiger Brennan Drive Overpass total project cost has blown out by over \$130 million.

Questions:

1. Stage 1 (Early Contractor Involvement) was awarded to Sitzler Pty Ltd for \$66 million in August 2021. What work was undertaken by Sitzler under this contract and what was the total expenditure?
2. Were there any contract variations? If so, what were they and what did they cost?
3. Were there any associated tenders connected to additional overpass works or other intersections nearby, which were awarded by select tender to Sitzler? If so, what were these tenders and what did they cost?
4. Sitzler was also awarded stage 2 of this project for \$127.8 million to complete detailed design and construction of the project over the next two years. Is this \$127.8 million cost on top of the \$66 million contract already awarded to Sitzler for stage 1? If so, does this now make the total overall cost \$193.8 million?
5. What changes to design during stage 1 and stage 2 have caused the cost of this project to escalate by over \$130 million?
6. The Federal Government original committed to funding 50% of the project which was an investment of \$30.75 million in 2021. Has the Federal Government agreed to the new cost requiring significant further budget funding from the Federal Government in the order of \$97 million?