

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr. Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning, and Logistics:

2017-18 Infrastructure Program

- 1. How much cash has been spent on Capital Works, Minor New Works, and Roads and Maintenance between 1 July 2017 and 30 January 2018?**

As at 30 January 2018, \$710 million has been spent on Capital Works, Grants, Repairs and Maintenance and Infrastructure-related payments, this includes Capital Works and Repairs and Maintenance for Government Owned Corporations

- 2. How much cash will be spent on Capital Works, Minor New Works, and Roads and Maintenance between 1 February 2018 and 30 June 2018?**

At Budget 2017, Government announced a record \$1.75 billion infrastructure budget. Government is working hard to expend that budget and is on track to deliver the Territory's biggest ever infrastructure spend by the end of the 17/18 financial year.

It should be noted some projects identified in Budget 2017 are contingent on Commonwealth funding agreements and the timing of the Ship Lift has been pushed out into forward years, to align with the expected milestone payments.

- 3. When will a calendar of works outlining tender release details become public? If not, why not?**

The Department regularly distributes forward works lists to our stakeholder groups to ensure market is provided with advance notice of program and projects.

We responded to feedback from stakeholders that these releases would benefit from wider distribution, and developed a website to publish this information on the internet to ensure the broader availability:

<https://dipl.nt.gov.au/infrastructure/projects/planned-projects>

We publish Future Tender Opportunities on the Whole of Government tenders online site: <https://tendersonline.nt.gov.au/Tender/ListCurrent>

Additionally, the Department provides the following publications to industry and the community at a whole to assist in planning for upcoming projects:

- Construction Snapshot - a quarterly publication providing an overview of construction industry activity (>\$500 000) in the Northern Territory.
- NT Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Facebook page - this is a key tool to keep the public and industry informed of Department initiatives, highlight projects Government is delivering across the Territory and update stakeholders on the latest procurement news. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/NT.DIPL/>
- Growing the Territory - Growing the Territory is a video series providing an insight into the delivery of public infrastructure projects across the Northern Territory. Growing the Territory videos can be viewed by visiting <https://dipl.nt.gov.au/infrastructure/infrastructure-videos/construction-conversations> or the NT Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics Facebook page.

4. Why has an electronic delivery dashboard not been part of the DIPL website, so that Territorians can clearly see how much of the program has been delivered and when the rest of the program cash will be spent?

The Department's website is regularly updated to ensure that Territorians have transparency as to what works are being designed, tendered or in construction.