

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

**Berrimah Road-Tiger Brennan Overpass**

In August 2021 the NT Government said it would contribute \$30 million to the Berrimah Road-Tiger Brennan Overpass, representing 50% of the estimated \$61.5 million total project cost, with the other 50% to be funded by the Commonwealth. According to the Commonwealth in the recently announced 22/23 Budget, it was contributing a sum of \$55 million which represents 50 % of the total project cost. Based on the figures the actual total project cost will now be \$110 million.

**Questions:**

1. **Can you confirm the total project cost?**
2. **How much is the Territory contributing? If it is a 50/50 funded project between the Federal and NT Governments, how can the NT Government's contribution only be \$30 million? What is the true figure? Why has this been reported incorrectly?**
3. **Have there been any cost variations submitted by the contractor since the tender was awarded?**
4. **How much were these cost variations and have these been approved?**
5. **In August 2021, you awarded a civil contract to Sitzler Pty Ltd for \$66 million for early contractor involvement in the overpass at Tiger Brennan Drive and Berrimah Road Intersection. Can you advise how much will be spent this financial year and what it will be spent on?**
6. **What is the program delivery schedule and over how many years?**
7. **What is the expected completion date for this project?**

**8. How will the overpass impact on heavy vehicle transport movements through this area?**

**9. Has the Road Transport Industry supported the final design?**

Response questions 1-9.

The Northern Territory Government is partnering with the Australian Federal Government to deliver the Tiger Brennan Overpass under a 50/50 joint funding basis.

The 2022-23 Northern Territory Infrastructure program provides substantial transport infrastructure investment of \$1.65 billion to support the delivery of upgrades to roads, and is being progressed through the five year National Partnership Agreement.

Local business Sitzler, has recently been awarded stage two of the contract for \$127.8 million to complete the detailed design and construction of the project which will be delivered over the next two years.

Development of the interchange and overpass will ensure efficient movement of heavy vehicles through:

- improving the vertical grade line of Berrimah Road to make the approaches and departures suitable for road train acceleration and deceleration characteristics;
- ensuring lane widths cater for road trains and their large turning movements; and
- designing a common interchange layout used extensively throughout Australia and internationally.

Consultation included a number of stakeholders including the NT Road Transport Association.

Due to the nature of the early contractor involvement contract, the Contractor has not been required to submit any variations since contract award.

Delivery of this project is underway with completion expected late 2024.