

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Infrastructure Works in North East Arnhem

1. The 2021/22 budget allocated the Central Arnhem Highway \$78.1 million budgeted for works.

a) Please advise how much was spent, and why there was a significant underspend?

- \$7 367 602 was spent in 2021-22.
- Planning and scoping has been required on this extensive work and hence required much of the program to revote to 2022-23.

b) According to this budget there is \$71 million in revoted works and \$49 million for new works – does this mean that over the next financial year \$120 million will be spent on the Central Arnhem Highway?

Remaining road upgrade projects are to be undertaken in two phases (scoping and delivery), and will span over multiple financial years.

The tender for design and documentation of priority upgrade projects is expected to be released in the 2022-23 financial year, with delivery spanning over a several years.

c) Will this work prioritise the roads that benefit homeland and community residents of the region so that they can better access services and supplies?

Nhulunbuy remains the only large regional centre in the Northern Territory not connected to the National Network via a sealed road.

Access to the upgraded road, will maximise social and economic benefits for all people who live and work along the Central Arnhem Road.

2. **Please provide an update on barge landings? What work has been done and when are these projects due to be completed for Galiwin'ku, Ramingining and Gapuwiyak?**

Gapuwiyak

- Detailed design is in progress, with completion of the design anticipated for September 2022.
- Construction works are expected to be delivered in 2022-23, subject to obtaining relevant approvals.

Galiwin'ku and Ramingining

- Design for barge landing improvements is scheduled to be developed in 2022-23.
- Construction works are expected to be delivered in the 2024-25.

3. **Similarly the Aerodrome in Galiwin'ku has been listed for some time on the budget papers. Where is this project up to and when will it be completed?**

- In January 2021, a tender to deliver the Safety upgrades to Galiwin'ku aerodrome was awarded, with works scheduled to be undertaken in the 2021 dry season.
- However, in June 2021, the contractor notified the Department they were unable to fulfil their contractual obligations due to resourcing issues. The contract was cancelled by mutual consent.
- The Department is currently reviewing the design to ensure compliance with new CASA regulatory requirement. Once the revised design is complete, the works will be re-tendered in 2022-23, pending CASA endorsement of the design.
- Other Galiwin'ku Aerodrome works:
 - In 2021-22, works to reseal the Galiwin'ku aerodrome runway, taxiway and apron were completed.
 - The Department is currently procuring works to upgrade the perimeter security fence of the aerodrome. Works will be delivered in 2022-23.

4. Marine infrastructure works in Nhulunbuy is a revoted work – that is part of an \$8 million joint project. The 2022/23 budget paper outlines there is also a \$10 million commitment to support public-private investment to improve the commercial wharf and landside facilities at the Gove deep water port. What is this \$10 million commitment dependent upon?

- The additional \$10 million commitment is for the development of a Commercial Port Masterplan for the Gove Maritime Commercial Precinct.
- The marine industry in Gove require the ability to berth, laydown and store equipment and supplies, re-fuel, in the short term with the potential for product export to markets in the longer term.
- The location for commercial marine infrastructure in Gove is the existing port (Sea Swift lease).
- With budget now confirmed, stakeholder engagement has recommenced in addition to a planning consultancy tender that is being developed.
- Commonwealth co-investment will likely be sought at the conclusion of the master planning phase.

5. What new infrastructure works are announced in the 2022/23 budget for North East Arnhem Land?

Budget highlights for the East Arnhem Region can be found at https://budget.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/1103041/east-arnhem.pdf