

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Palmerston Regional Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Complex

In July 2020, the NT Government announced that C&R Constructions had been awarded the contract to build the new \$25 million Palmerston Regional Fire Rescue and Emergency Services Complex on Howard Springs Road.

Construction commenced in January 2021, several months behind schedule, with the expected completion date slated for late 2021.

In a July 2021 media release, the expected completion date was pushed back to March 2022.

Questions:

- 1. Why was the construction completion date pushed back from late 2021 to March 2022?**

The project's construction timeline has been impacted by a number of factors including COVID-19 lockdowns, material delays and resource availability.

- 2. Why wasn't construction completed in March 2022?**

Refer Question 1.

- 3. Six months later and the new complex is still not completed, what is the delay in reaching completion?**

The Occupancy Certificate was issued on 10 August 2022 and final inspection of the facility to confirm completion of other operational matters is due to occur late October 2022.

New stations such as this require a reasonable time to commission for operations post construction and prior to the station formally opening.

- 4. How many variations have there been to the original contract?**

Throughout the construction phase (Tender T19-1654 – C&R Constructions) there have been a total of 30 change orders issued.

- 5. What were these variations and what was the additional cost for each variation?**

The 30 change orders total value of \$2 605 233 (excl. GST), and capture items such as latent conditions, mechanical plant and landscaping changes.

6. What is the total expenditure for this construction project?

The total commitment (as at 7 October 2022) is \$23 638 118 (excl. GST).

7. How much of this was spent during 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23?

The following has been paid to date, per contract year.

2020-21	\$4 966 776.85 (excl. GST).
2021-22	\$16 435 798.29 (excl. GST).
2022-23	\$595 612.17 (excl. GST).

8. Has the construction failed any building inspections leading to delays?

The pre-occupancy inspection process identified one matter that required resolution prior to the issuing of the Occupancy Certificate. This was immediately addressed.

9. What building defects have been identified that may lead to failure of final building inspections?

Refer to Question 8.

10. If there are any defects/failures, what plans are there to rectify these issues?

Refer to Question 8.

11. How long will it take rectify these issues?

Refer to Question 8.

12. What additional cost will there be to rectify these issues?

Nil.