

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

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

**Arnhem Road Works**

For the 2021-22 financial year, a total of \$1.75 million was allocated for repairs and maintenance along section of the road between the Arnhem Highway and Central Arnhem Road, including access roads to Ramingining and Maningrida.

In addition, \$11.6 million in capital works was allocated including: upgrade to four crossings (Tomkinson River, Cadell River and two minor waterways); upgrade and seal 3km at Red Lily Lagoon; and seal to 1.2km of Maningrida-Ramingining Road.

**Questions:**

For ease of reference the three projects are listed as follows;

- a) Arnhem Link Road - upgrade of four crossings (Tomkinson River, Cadell River and two minor waterways)
- b) Oenpelli Road – upgrade and seal 3km at Red Lily Lagoon
- c) Maningrida – Ramingining Road seal 1.2km

**1. Has a tender been awarded for these works? If not, why not?**

- a) Construction tender was awarded on 13 December 2021.
- b) Design works have been completed and the project will be considered for funding under future programs when approvals have been obtained.
- c) Construction tender was awarded on 25 June 2021.

**2. Who was the tender awarded to and what was the price?**

- a) Aldebaran Contracting Pty Ltd for \$9.84 million excluding GST.
- b) N/A.
- c) A1 Plant & Civil Pty Ltd for \$1.23 million excluding GST.

**3. When will these works commence?**

- a) Works at Cadell River and one minor waterway commenced mid-September 2022. The works at Tomkinson River and the other minor waterway will commence in 2023, when road access is available following the wet season.
- b) N/A.
- c) Works commenced in September 2021.

**4. What is the time frame for completion of works?**

- a) Anticipated completion is November 2023.
- b) N/A.
- c) Anticipated completion is end of October 2022.

**5. What allowance is being made for budget blowouts?**

Projects allow for construction contingency to cover variations.

To mitigate project risks and potential variations, the Department undertakes a range of investigations during the design phase of projects. The Department also works closely with contractors in the identification and resolution of unexpected issues that arise during construction.

**6. How many jobs will be created through these projects?**

- a) Approximately 25 jobs.
- b) N/A.
- c) Approximately 10 jobs.