

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Message Signs on Territory Roads

Background:

A tender has recently been awarded to Aertex Group Pty Ltd in the sum of \$5,699,657 for the design, supply and installation of 28 message signs across the Territory.

Questions:

- 1. Please advise what the 28 message signs are that are to be installed.**

The 28 message signs to be installed are variable message signs (VMS) that are widely used on the Australian and NT road network.

- 2. What are the locations where the 28 message signs are being installed?**

Alice Springs, Tennant Creek Regions

- Stuart Highway - northbound Three Ways roadhouse
- Stuart Highway - southbound Tennant Creek
- Stuart Highway - northbound Alice Springs
- Stuart Highway - southbound Alice Springs
- Stuart Highway - northbound Kulgera
- Barkly Highway - eastbound
- Barkly Highway - westbound
- Lasseter Highway - westbound
- Lasseter Highway - eastbound
- Larapinta Drive – westbound

Katherine, Darwin (rural) Regions

- Stuart Highway - northbound Katherine
- Stuart Highway - southbound Katherine
- Victoria Highway - westbound
- Victoria Highway - eastbound
- Arnhem Highway - westbound Jabiru
- Arnhem Highway - eastbound at Stuart Highway
- Kakadu Highway - northbound Pine Creek
- Kakadu Highway - southbound at Jabiru

Darwin (urban) Region

- Stuart Highway – outbound Stuart Park prior to Goyder Road
- Stuart Highway – outbound just past McMillans Road
- Stuart Highway – inbound prior to Yarrowonga Road
- Tiger Brennan Drive – outbound prior to Woolner Road
- Roystonea Avenue – inbound prior to Gateway shopping centre
- Stuart Highway - southbound Doxas Road
- Trower Road - inbound Casuarina
- McMillans Road – inbound at Peter McAulay Centre
- McMillans Road – inbound prior to Rothdale Road
- Elrundie Avenue – inbound Marlow Lagoon

3. How much does each sign cost to design and supply?

This project is a jointly funded Australian and NT Government Road Safety Program initiative. The average cost per sign is approximately \$203,560 which includes supporting infrastructure.

4. What are the individual installation costs?

The project has commenced and is ongoing. The average cost per sign is detailed above.

5. Is this considered good value for money?

Any program that seeks to save lives on Territory roads is considered good value for money.

In 2020, there were 1,107 road crash deaths in Australia costing the Australian economy approximately \$29 billion. The social cost of a fatal crash is \$2.6 million. In 2020, there were a total of 31 fatal crashes in the NT costing approximately \$80 million. The VMS aims to prevent fatal and serious injury crashes on the NT road network through the provision of messaging on road safety and road conditions.

6. Were any of the other tenders submitted cheaper?

Only one tender was received.

7. Please provide a copy of the tender specifications.

The technical specifications of Department of Transport and Main Roads Queensland were adopted. Refer to the following link:

https://dipl.nt.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0020/424424/standard-specification-for-engineering-survey.pdf