



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by Mark Parton MLA on Monday 7 November 2022: Andrew Barr MLA took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: Dickson Woolley Street upgrade

MR PARTON: Mr Gillman, you have said that you would have expected the project to be finished by now, but my specific question was, what was the original completion date of the project?

Mr Gillman: I can look back and come back with an exact date for you, Mr Parton.

MR PARTON: If we could take that on notice, that would be good. And additionally, is it possible specifically for me to ask on notice, what was the completion date in the original contract that was signed with the entity responsible for delivering this project and given that whatever that date comes back on notice, I am sure it is a date that has passed by, how do these contracts work? Are there any penalties that are faced by the contractor for not delivering the project on time? How does that work?

Mr Gillman: There are penalties within the contract. Liquidated damages are available. However, contract management and safety first; we do not want anyone expediting works in an unsafe way, so the prudent deploying of those rights—and to be honest, in this market, with the supply chain so challenged across every aspect, one might be seen as onerous to strictly deploy the letter of the law contract, but that is a contract tool that is in the contract.

MR PARTON: All right. Excellent.

What was the original completion date of the works in the original contract for delivering the project?

Andrew Bar MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The Dickson Woolley Street upgrade was initially contracted to be completed 27 July 2022. Due to notifications of delay from wet weather and material supply an Extension of Time has contractually amended the completion date to 17 November 2022. Should there be further wet weather (or other events identified in the contract) that causes delay, the contractual date for practical completion of the project may be further extended.

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Signature: 

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By the Chief Minister, Andrew Barr MLA