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ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE DURING PUBLIC HEARINGS

Asked by MR HANSON on 21 July 2023: Minister BERRY (Education and Youth Affairs) took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: *Regarding all capital works > \$10 million, what was the project:*

- * *original completion date and budgeted cost?***
- * *revised completion date and budgeted cost?***
- * *brief explanation for delay to completion (if any)?***

MR HANSON: Yes, I do. There are some other projects that have been delayed as well. So, Taylor and Whitlam. I am happy for you to give this on notice, but the original date that it was meant to open, the original cost that was budgeted, and then now when it will open and what the cost will be?

I presume that the delays are for the same sort reasons that you have explained. Although, there is not something different, or is that sort of consistent with what is happening across the board, or some unique factors in Taylor in Whitlam?

Mr Matthews: Mr Hanson, the general answer is that I have talked about the COVID context in which most of these projects were originated within, but also there are some specific site issues with different projects, and of course that varies whether they are a greenfield location or indeed an urban infill location.

In terms of the actual question that you had there, do you have a particular school that you wanted that breakdown for?

MR HANSON: Well, there is a number of projects, I suppose. These are things that are listed as works in progress in the budget. So there is new schools, but there is also works in progress. So, new school in Throsby, places for students at Gold Creek, right where we are at with the Campbell Primary modernisation, Margaret Hendry and the expansion of Margaret Hendry.

So what would be useful is, of all of these capital works, is a scope. So what was the original budget and date for completion, and now what is the delay and the increase in budget, and it might be best to do that on notice given the constraints of time we have got for this hearing. Are you able to provide that to me?

Mr Matthews: Sure. That is mostly based on public information again, Mr Hanson. Obviously, the commencement dates are announced as part of the budget process, and then the original appropriation is announced in the budget, and any subsequent appropriations as well.

So again, I do have some of that information available. If you have got a particular project—

MR HANSON: What I am asking for you to do is, for all of your capital works at the moment—and I am happy to say a figure—above, let us say, \$10 million, that you provide the original budget and original completion date, what the project was, a brief explanation for the delay and what the new budget and new completion date is.

Because you would appreciate, trying to drag through every single budget to find where that is and what the delay might be is a difficult piece of work, and if you were able to consolidate that as a question on notice, that would be very useful.

Mr Matthews: Yes. We can do that. I can take that on notice, Mr Hanson.

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

Please refer to the table below for a summary of all projects greater than \$10 million.

	Announced Completion	Revised Completion	Initial Funding	Revised Funding	Primary Reasons For Delay
New Schools					
Shirley Smith High School	2023	2024	\$72.49m	\$85.9m	- Impacts on the construction industry following the COVID-19 pandemic. - Adverse weather conditions at key points of the project. - Delays to receiving development application approval.
North Gungahlin High School (Taylor)	2024	2025	\$132.8m (funded with Margaret Hendry Expansion)	\$142.66m (funded with Margaret Hendry Expansion)	- Impacts on the construction industry following the COVID-19 pandemic. - Adverse weather conditions at key points of the project.
Strathnairn ECEC to Yr 6 School	2025	2025	\$62.4m	\$93.8m	No delay
Whitlam Primary School and ECEC	2025	2026	\$76.7m	\$76.7m	- Impacts on the construction industry following the COVID-19 pandemic. - Adverse weather conditions at key points of the project.
New College in Nicholls	End of Decade	End of Decade	\$1m – design \$114m - construction	\$1m – design \$114m - construction	No delay
School Expansions					
Margaret Hendry School	2023 (Term 1)	2023 (July)	\$132.8m (funded with North	\$142.66m (funded with North	Impacts on the construction industry following

			Gungahlin High School)	Gungahlin High School)	the COVID-19 pandemic. • Adverse weather conditions at key points of the project. • Electrical Substation Upgrade delays.
Majura Primary School	2026	2026	\$39.3m	\$39.3m	• No delay.
Telopea Park High School	2027	2027	\$47.25m	\$47.25m	• No delay
School Modernisations					
Narrabundah College	2026	2026	\$32.5m (Stage 1)	\$32.5m (Stage 1)	• No delay
Garran Primary School	2025	2025	\$62.4m	\$106.88m	• No delay
Completed School Infrastructure Projects 2022/23					
Evelyn Scott School – Senior Campus	2023	2023	\$70m (combined with the Junior Campus)	\$70m (combined with the Junior Campus)	• No delay
Throsby School	2022	2022	\$43.9m	\$43.9m	• No delay
Franklin School	2022	2022	\$29.4m	\$29.4m	• No delay
Campbell Primary School	2022	2022	\$18.819m	\$18.819m	• No delay
Amaroo Senior School Expansion	2022	2022	\$12.73m	\$12.73m	• No delay

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