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Estimates 2020-2021  
ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE  
24 February 2021

Asked by ALISTAIR COE MLA:

In relation to:

**THE CHAIR:** I turn to capital works in progress, which is on page 209 in the printed version and page 211 in the electronic version, as part of the GGS balance sheet in the non-financials.

**Mr Barr:** Right in the middle of the page—\$767 million, \$521 million and \$596 million.

**THE CHAIR:** You have just highlighted the question: budget review \$767 million; audited outcome \$521 million. Obviously, there is a fair discrepancy there.

**Mr Barr:** Yes.

**THE CHAIR:** I am wondering what has happened. It seems to me that there is an accounting issue but I am curious to know what it is.

**Mr Barr:** It would be, I think, the cumulative impact of a lot of small differences on a couple of hundred projects. I think that is the short answer.

**THE CHAIR:** The budget review was after the financial year.

**Mr Barr:** No. The 2019-20 budget review was 12 months ago, in February. The 2019-20 audited outcome would have been completed in August or September of 2019.

**Mr Miners:** That is correct.

**THE CHAIR:** So there is a \$250 million difference, or thereabouts?

**Mr Barr:** It is an underspend on the capital program. **THE CHAIR:** That is right. It is pretty significant.

**Mr Barr:** It is, yes.



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**THE CHAIR:** Is there anything in particular that was rolled over?

**Mr Miners:** I do not have that information at hand, unfortunately, Mr Coe. We would have to take that on notice and come back to you.

**Mr Barr:** From memory, in terms of capital works reporting, it is not one project that is \$200 million behind. It will be 100 projects that are \$2 million behind. It is a whole bunch of small variations, not one large one. The list is in the capital works program, so we can provide that.

**ANDREW BARR MLA:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The variance reflects slower than anticipated delivery of the 2019-20 Infrastructure Investment Program and the transfer of completed assets to property, plant and equipment.

Information on the projects included in the 2020-21 Infrastructure Investment Program can be found at:

<https://apps.treasury.act.gov.au/budget/budget-2020-21/budget-papers/capital-works-program/master-data-table>

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