



## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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### SELECT COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES 2022-2023

Mr James Milligan MLA (Chair), Mr Andrew Braddock MLA (Deputy Chair),  
Dr Marisa Paterson MLA

### ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**Elizabeth Kikkert MLA:** To ask the Treasurer

Ref: Budget Outlook, p. 276 (Icon Water)

In relation to: Belconnen Trunk Sewer Upgrade

1. What is the current estimated completion date for the Belconnen Trunk Sewer Upgrade (not including the construction of the four planned odour control units (OCUs))?
2. What is the current estimated completion date for each of the four planned OCUs Latham North, Latham, Florey, and Evatt)?
3. What, if any delays, has this upgrade (including OCUs) experienced, either before or since the latest update (2 May 2022) on the Icon Water website?
4. What was the budgeted cost of this upgrade (including OCUs) when it was first announced?
5. What is the current expected cost of this upgrade (including OCUs)?
6. What are the reasons behind any cost increases?
7. Has the exterior visual design (i.e., paint) for the four OCU's been determined yet?
  - a. If so, what is it?
  - b. If not, when will the design (or designs) be complete?

**Andrew Barr MLA:** I have sought advice from Icon Water and the answers to the Member's questions are as follows: –

1. The trunk sewer upgrade is currently scheduled for completion in January 2023.
2. The four OCUs are forecast for completion between February and April 2023.
3. There have been project delays due to COVID-19 suspension, impacts on interstate contractors and related supply chain issues. Furthermore, there has been slippage due to safety and operability enhancements during detailed design and construction impacts resulting from wet weather and adverse ground conditions. Nonetheless, the above dates remain in line with the latest update on the [Icon Water website \(https://www.iconwater.com.au/bts\)](https://www.iconwater.com.au/bts).
4. The project budget prior to commencement of detailed design or statutory approvals (March 2020) was \$27.3M.
5. The project budget has been revised (April 2022) and is \$33.3M. The forecast final cost aligns with the revised budget figure.
6. The cost increases are due to a variety of factors including design changes, ground conditions, suspension of construction works related to COVID-19, and project delays.
7. Icon Water will be applying mural artwork to the four OCUs.

- (a) A number of design options have been prepared for each site and we are currently seeking feedback from members of the community and relevant community groups who expressed an interest in the final finishes of the OCUs. The mural designs will require Development Application (DA) amendments and will be released for broader public consultation as part of the statutory approval process.
- (b) It is expected that mural designs will be finalised and DA amendments submitted by early October 2022. Updates will be provided to the community as this occurs.

Approved for circulation to the Select Committee on Estimates 2022-2023

Signature: 

Date: 9.9.22

By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA