



Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Elizabeth Lee MLA:

[Ref: Major Projects Canberra]

In relation to: Major Projects Canberra's (MPC) accountability indicators for capital works addressed on pp. 33 and 34 of the 2020-21 Annual Report.

1. For **each** project since the establishment of Major Projects Canberra, please provide:
 - a. The initial Budget for the project
 - b. The final cost of the project
 - c. The initial indicative delivery date for the project
 - d. The final delivery date for the project
 - i. Where a project has not been completed, please provide the **most recent** estimated delivery date
 - e. The number of times each project was/has been rescoped (budget and/or time)
 - f. For each occasion a project was rescoped, please provide the difference in budget and schedule

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

The accountability indicators on page 33 and 34 of the MPC Annual report relates to construction projects over the value of \$250,000 procured and delivered by MPC on behalf of other ACT Government Directorates.

Major Projects Canberra notes that it supports Directorates in the procurement and contract management of projects, however Directorates retain responsibility for:

- The initial Budget for the project
- The final cost of the project
- Estimated delivery dates
- Rescoping (budget and/or time)

Budget information relating to Capital Works are provided in the Capital Works appendices to Part C Financial Management Reporting of each Directorate Annual Report. These can be

found at [Annual Reports - Chief Minister, Treasury and Economic Development Directorate \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.act.gov.au)

In addition, information can be found in the Table of “Detailed initiatives by lead agency” in Chapter 3 Budget Outlook and in Appendix C “Infrastructure Investment Program – Works-in-Progress” within the Budget Papers. This can be found at [ACT Budget 2021-22 Budget Outlook](#) and at [Previous ACT budgets - Treasury](#).

As described in footnote 3 to Table 8 of the Annual report on pages 33 and 34, the accountability indicator in relation to the “Percentage of Construction Projects Completed on Time” relates to construction projects over the value of \$250,000 procured and delivered by MPC on behalf of other ACT Government Directorates and which achieve ‘practical completion’ during the reporting period. It excludes Better Infrastructure Fund projects, which are focused on improvements to existing infrastructure, and plant and equipment expenditure.

Achievement of the ‘on-time’ indicator is measured against the time contracted for ‘practical completion’ (or equivalent) with the ACT Government’s delivery partner, as may be adjusted for variations or valid extension of time claims.

The result for 2020-21 of 92% met the target of >85%.

Two projects of a total of 24 completed in 2020-21 were not delivered by the final completion date as agreed with the client Directorate:

- Southside Community Step Up Step Down project delivered on 16 February 2021 compared to the agreed final completion date of 30 January 2021; and
- Belconnen Bikeways Stages 1 & 2 delivered on 12 January 2021 compared to the agreed final completion date of 27 July 2020.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Signature: 

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By the Treasurer, Andrew Barr MLA