

**Revised Response  
Question on Notice**

**No. 342**

**Asked on 23 March 2005**

MISS SIMPSON asked the Minister for Transport and Main Roads (MR LUCAS)—

QUESTION:

With reference to budgeted and approved capital works for each department, agency and portfolio entity administered by him—

- (1) What capital works projects are running behind schedule or have not been commenced or completed to date (reported separately according to name and location)?
- (2) For each of the projects listed in (1), what is the amount expended to date and what level of expenditure is still budgeted to complete each project?
- (3) For each of the projects listed in (1), what is the revised completion date and the Corresponding reason why?

ANSWER:

The response to this Question on Notice has been prepared taking into account those works described in the 2004-05 Capital Statement. Capital projects include contingencies as they can be affected by implementation and delivery delays.

The response for Transport and Main Roads are as outlined below.

*Queensland Transport*

Project Location	Description	Total Spend to 31.03.05 (\$'000)	Forecast Remaining Expenditure (\$'000)	Forecast Completion Date as at end March 2005	Reasons for Delay
Brisbane City	Inner Northern Busway – Royal Children's Hospital & Normanby Bus Stations	626	11,724	05/06	Project delayed due to Walter contract termination. Royal Children's Hospital Herston contract has been re-tendered. It is expected that construction, using a new contractor, will recommence in May 2005.
Brisbane City	Rail Corridors and Intermodal Facilities	0	30,000	06/07	Delay in negotiating partial funding agreement with Federal Government has delayed the project.
Brisbane	VTMIS (Vessel Traffic Management Information Service)	457	3,494	06/07	Additional requirements have been added to the originally intended request for offer. This revision is expected to result in improved operational outcomes.
Gladstone	VTS (Gladstone Centre Upgrade)	21	244	04/05	Order placed with vendors for supply of equipment.
WOS	Upgrade Oil Spill Response Equipment	38	358	06/07	Expected delivery from USA now expected in April.
Gold Coast City	Coomera River and North Channel Dredging	687	1,313	05/06	Contract awarded for North Channel dredging.

Douglas Shire	Port Douglas Boat Harbour new dredged material disposal area	71	3,429	05/06	Construction works for remediation of the old site expected to start in May 05.
Gold Coast City	Gold Coast Sand Bypass Jetty upgrade Stage 2	0	937	05/06	Design process taking longer than anticipated.
Livingstone Shire	Keppel Sands – Pumpkin Creek downstream boat ramp	15	110	05/06	Approvals delaying completion to 2005-06.
Gold Coast City	Jacob's Well Jetty	0	135	05/06	QT is awaiting advice from Gold Coast City Council on their preferred project option.
Maroochy Shire	Mooloolaba Boat Harbour Dredging Strategy	75	425	05/06	Stakeholder negotiations.
Hervey Bay City	Howard (Burrum River) New Boat Ramp	1	249	05/06	The Hervey Bay City Council has advised of an intention to develop the old powerhouse site.

### Queensland Rail

Project Location	Project Description	Total spent to 31/03/05 (\$'000)	Forecast remaining expenditure (\$'000)	Forecast completion date as at end March 2005	Reason for delay
Mackay	Coal Wagon Fleet Upgrade - Infrastructure	6,933	17,367	2009-10	Pending finalisation of the ultimate layout plans for the Jilalan complex.
Whole-of-State	State-wide Security Fencing	9,553	3,746	2005-06	The forecast end-cost for this project is \$13.3 million. Ongoing discussions with local authorities.
South West	Re-rail Miles to Muckadilla	27,054	891	2005-06	Extension of program works past Muckadilla. All re-railing works have now been completed.
Mackay	Hail Creek - Construction	92,427	2,573	2005-06	Negotiations continuing with the contractor over final works to be undertaken.
Darling Downs, Moreton	Surat Basin Track Upgrade - Stage 2	7,710	8,190	2006-07	Enlarged work program for 2005-06. This will bring forward the planned completion date for the project.
Northern	Townsville - Resignalling Stuart Junction	6,221	5,879	2005-06	Finalisation of detailed project requirements and detailed design.
Northern	Goonyella System: Rail Upgrade	3,394	8,056	2007-08	Long term upgrade strategy of 36.4 kms of track -- higher priority tasks.

Northern	Townsville - New Station	23,422	1,441	2005-06	The new station was put into operation for revenue service on 27 May 2003, on time and within budget. The construction of the Ceremonial Line, linking the old and new stations, is on hold pending input from the Council and prospective developer on fencing issues.
Moreton	Caboolture - Landsborough Upgrade	6,593	5,202	2007-08	New platforms have been provided at Landsborough, Beerwah, Glass House Mountains and Elimbah Stations.
Brisbane	Noise Amelioration - Metro	10,147	9,573	2006-07	Expenditure is expected to reach the targeted amount and provide more cost effective outcomes.
Brisbane, Moreton	Turnout Replacement Strategy - Stage 2	38,445	8,265	2006-07	Planned expenditure in the remaining two years of the project will meet budget forecasts.
Moreton	Citytrain MetTrip Track Infrastructure Upgrade	3,607	230,393	2008-09	Preparation of the environmental planning study for community consultation has resulted in a delay to land acquisition and preliminary work.
Brisbane	Citytrain Safe Stations	37,864	1,590	2005-06	Design work will commence in April 2005.
Brisbane, Moreton	Citytrain Disability Standards 2007 Compliance	1,227	104,773	2008-09	Finalisation of detailed project requirements.
Whole-of-State	Traveltrain Accessible Stations	5,121	4,979	2006-07	Change in the required lighting standards.
Brisbane	Citytrain MetTrip Rollingstock, Stations & Intermodal works	1,423	314,827	2009-10	Prolonged tendering negotiations. The intermodal component of this project is running ahead of schedule.

### Port Authorities

Project Location	Project Description	Total spent to 31/03/05 (\$'000)	Forecast remaining expenditure (\$'000)	Forecast completion date as at end March 2005	Reason for delay
Whimbrel Street Car Terminals	Port of Brisbane Corporation	1,801	36,099	2005-06	Lessee to finalise detailed project requirements
Wharf 9	Port of Brisbane Corporation	21,777	7,723	Aug - 05	Engineering/construction complexities resulting from site conditions
PBC Building and Landscaping Upgrades	Port of Brisbane Corporation	357	1,543	2005-06	Delayed expenditure as per clients needs
Dredging Equipment	Port of Brisbane Corporation	1,648	6,052	2006-07	High demand for dredging.
Conveyor System and Sand Washing Plant	Bundaberg Port Authority	0	400	2005-06	Client's requirements.
Cairns Airport Interim Terminal Works and Upgrades	Cairns Port Authority	27,462	63,781	2006-07	Scheduling of works to coincide with availability of contractors at reasonable cost (high level of building activity in Cairns)
Cairns Airport Hawker Pacific Building	Cairns Port Authority	529	1,967	2005-06	Renegotiating agreement with client

Cairns Seaport Surebeam Fruit Disinfestation Facility	Cairns Port Authority	175	3,250	2005-06	Negotiating clients needs
Cairns Cityport Precinct 12A Development and Other Upgrades	Cairns Port Authority	1,728	15,612	2006-07	Scheduling of works to coincide with availability of contractors at reasonable cost (high level of building activity in Cairns)
Mackay Airport Works and Upgrades	Mackay Port Authority	0	2,625	2005-06	Review of demand
Mackay Seaport Works and Upgrade	Mackay Port Authority	69	3,136	2005-06	Review of demand
Weipa Lorim Point West Berth Upgrade	Ports Corporation of Queensland	78	1,422	2005-06	Negotiating clients needs.
Construction of Office Complex in Commercial Precinct	Townsville Port Authority	0	4,250	2005-06	Clients requirements

### **Main Roads**

2,502 Main Roads projects are published in the 2004-05 to 2008-09 Roads Implementation Program (RIP), with some 1,600 incurring expenditure in the 2004-05 financial year.

The performance by Main Roads in delivery of roads projects is published each year in the "Performance Indicators and Established Targets for the Roads Program" section of the annual RIP at Appendix 7. The relevant indicators provide a summary of:

- the proportion of the number of projects (greater than \$1m) completed within 10% of the programmed construction period
- the proportion of the number of projects (greater than \$1m) for which construction commenced within four months of the programmed commencement date.

In a Question without Notice on 24 May 2005, the Member for Maroochydore claimed that the "Icebox" road project between Maleny and Landsborough had "...escalated in cost **from** \$2.6 million **to** well over \$11 million." Ms Simpson was referring presumably to an article in the "Range News" of 12 May which stated that "...the project soared **by** \$2.6 million **to** \$11.1 million...". Ms Simpson also repeated this incorrect assertion in her media release which was issued on the 24 May.

According to performance targets published in the RIP over many years, this project was not materially delayed at this time. The cost of the project increased **by** \$2.6m – from \$8.5m to \$11.1m primarily due to the need for the additional slope stabilisation work arising from the steep and unstable ground above the road. This information is also published in the RIP.

Budgeted expenditure for 2004-05 for the following roads projects which are materially delayed represents less than 11% of the overall Main Roads capital program, with the delayed expenditure representing less than only 2% of the overall capital program. Clear and valid reasons exist for these delays as at end of March 2005 (see separate note for Sunshine Motorway), the details of which are outlined below.

Project Location	Project Description	Total spent to 31/03/05 (\$'000)	Forecast remaining expenditure (\$'000)	Forecast completion date as at end March 2005	Reason for delay

Bruce Highway	Burdekin Road Safety Audit Improvements	2,401	4,599	05/06	Review of project scope.
Mackay - Proserpine, Mandurana turnout – The Leap	Realignment of 2 lanes	813	7,387	06/07	Pre-construction issues
Cunningham Arterial	Ipswich Motorway, Priority Interim Safety works package	22,511	43,489	06/07	Funded under the Australian Government's national highways program. The original \$66m package of works has been impacted by inter-governmental discussions on issues related to longer-term solutions for the Ipswich Motorway Corridor, including assessment of the proposed half northern bypass between Dinmore and the Logan Motorway.  Following the Australian Government's AusLink announcement in June 2004, particularly the announcement of the \$160m Logan Motorway interchange project, some of the original proposed interim safety works package will be undertaken as part of the Logan Motorway interchange project. Also, re-scoping of the Progress Road Interchange was required as a result of increased traffic flow impacts.
Diamantina Developmental Road, Quilpie - Windorah	0.0 - 37.5km (section 1), Widen existing pavement	6	1,238	06/07	Reprioritised in consultation with local government as part of the development of the 2004-05 to 2008-09 RIP.
Cunningham Highway, Inglewood - Goondiwindi	Sections : 33.47 - 85.18km, Seal shoulders	63	1,937	05/06	Workforce availability.
Gregory Highway, Springsure - Emerald, North of Fairbairn Dam turnoff	Widen and seal	568	1,525	05/06	Workforce availability.
Leichhardt Highway, Miles - Goondiwindi	Sections:98.0 - 111.0km (section 1), Widen and seal	122	1,878	06/07	Reprioritised in consultation with local government as part of the development of the 2004-05 to 2008-09 RIP.
Kennedy Developmental Road, Poddy Creek west	(85.0 - 95.0km), Rehabilitate and widen	74	1,326	05/06	Delays in gaining a quarry licence.
Pacific Highway, Pacific Motorway	Tugun – Tweed Heads, Construct 4 lane bypass	37,496	322,504	08/09	Planning is now progressing well.

Sunshine Motorway, Mooloolaba Road to Maroochydore Road	Duplicate 2 to 4 lanes  (80/150B/6)	12,562	7,438	*July-05	<p>The delay in completion of this project is due to:</p> <p>Unforeseen site conditions</p> <p>After excavation found large quantities of buried logs and tree stumps from previous clearing activity this delayed completion of earthworks;</p> <p>Wet weather</p> <p>Between Feb 2004 to present about 22 weeks of delays due to wet weather and its effects because the project site is low lying and flat it does not drain very well and also the local materials used to construct the road take a very long time to dry out when they become wet.</p> <p>Design changes</p> <p>Significant design change was required at around mid 2004 to move a retaining wall and shorten the Mooloolaba Road off ramp this was required to ensure this project tied in with future planned works to improve the local road network in the Mooloolaba Road/Sugar Road area. These associated future works form a part of another project (interchange improvements at Mooloolaba Road and Maroochydore Road), which is planned to start construction in 2006.</p> <p>Another design change was required for the new Sugar Road bridge so as to further reduce any potential impact on nearby buildings.</p> <p><b>Note: * The contract administrator has advised that, as a result of above average rainfall experienced on the Sunshine Coast in April and May 2005, the latest revised date for completion is now September 2005 – provided further wet weather does not cause further delays.</b></p>
Boreen Point - Tewantin Road, Kimbah Court towards Noosa	Rehabilitate and widen	1,635	1,615	05/06	The scope of the project has changed. Construction is well underway on the first section from Lake Coorobah Road towards Noosa. However, this project is behind schedule due to wet weather.
Bruce Highway Maryborough - Gin Gin, Apple Tree Creek	Realign 2 lanes	1,036	7,464	05/06	Delayed start due to need to undertake additional geotechnical investigations; tender period extended due to the Christmas holiday period; and the withdrawal of the lowest tenderer during tender assessment. Completion still programmed for 2005-06.
Hervey's Range Developmental Road, Townsville - Battery, Ella Creek - Gregory Developmental Road	(101.5 - 126.3km), Construct to new sealed 2 lane standard	7,051	2,949	04/05	Construction commenced -project is behind schedule due to contractual issues. Contractor having contractual problems due to lack of resources, including loss of key personnel. Anticipate contract being completed by June 2005. Election commitment will be delivered.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ANSWER REPLACES  
ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE NO. 342  
TABLED ON 22 APRIL 2005**