

Question on Notice

No. 784

Asked on Tuesday, 15 September 2015

MR SEENEY asked the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy and Water Supply (HON M BAILEY) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail as at 30 June 2015, all capital works projects in the electorates of Callide, Bundamba and Bulimba administered by the portfolio's departments, agencies and associated entities which were identified as being (a) overdue, and/or (b) over budget, including a brief description as to why either (a) or (b) applies?

ANSWER:

In the electorates of Callide, Bundamba and Bulimba as at 30 June 2015, the following capital projects were considered overdue:

Callide Electorate:

- Burnett Highway (Goomeri – Gayndah): Relocate hazardous objects close to road. A change of scope to include additional guardrail works resulted in a revised completion date.
- Dawson Highway (Biloela – Banana): Widen pavement. Contractor commitments for tropical Cyclone Marcia emergency works resulted in delays to this project.
- Powerlink: Accurate Fault Locator Installations Overdue - majority of works complete, finalisation is awaiting a computer systems upgrade for secondary systems equipment to bring these systems up to current standards.

Bundamba Electorate:

- Powerlink: Swanbank B 275kV Substation Rebuild – majority of works complete, finalisation is awaiting a computer systems upgrade for secondary systems equipment to bring the systems up to current standards.

Bulimba Electorate:

- Powerlink: Substation Security Upgrades Overdue – due to unexpected complexity in the integration of electricity control systems.

The following project was considered to be over budget as at 30 June 2015:

Callide Electorate:

- Gin Gin – Mount Perry Road: Replace major culverts. Continual water flowing through the creek and unsuitable materials required additional excavation, environmental and demolition works increasing the project cost.
- SunWater: Refurbishment and enhancement of the Callide Dam cranes (2014-15) - This project was originally budgeted at \$0.140 million an actual spend of \$0.221 million has resulted in its inclusion in this response. However, it should be taken into consideration the budget quoted was established at the preferred option / concept design stage and was a level 3 estimate (+/- 75%).

- Implementation of the project was fast tracked in order to facilitate a dam safety inspection; exceedances were primarily related to equipment and material costs and an underestimation of contractor costs. All funding was met through SunWater's operations.

The following projects were considered to be overdue and over budget as at 30 June 2015:

Bundamba Electorate:

- Energex: C0101112 - Springfield Central (SFC) - Establish 33/11kV Zone Substation - To ensure continued prudent expenditure through the final months of the 2014/15 program, it was determined this project could accommodate a deferral to December 2015 without impacting minimum service standards. This avoided the increased costs required to deliver by the original forecast date.

The increase in budget associated with this project is due to escalation of the original budget in line with external market factors. The current approved budget includes all risk factors and provisions.

It should be noted these projects were scheduled for works under the previous administration and the Palaszczuk Labor Government assumed responsibility on 14 February 2015.