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Senator COONAN-...of the approved but not commenced category, what percentage have signed contracts?

Ms Granger-We will have to take that one on notice. We do not have that information here. We will see if we can get it.

Senator COONAN-All right. Could I get you to take on notice, please, and provide me with a list of all the projects and what category they fall into so that it makes some sense out of the chart?

Mr Mrdak-Certainly we can do that.

Answer:

The Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan comprises a large number of programs covering a diverse range of infrastructure projects. The jurisdictions tasked with delivering these projects employ differing approaches in their procurement and contract management processes. Depending on the nature of the project, a number of contracts for different services may be entered into that relate to a particular project. For these reasons it is not possible to break down whether or not all contracts for each project have been signed.

Chart 13 of the Coordinator-General's Progress Report provides a breakdown of total, approved and paid funding. At the end of September 2009 49,251 major projects had been approved, 24,705 had commenced and 4,258 had been completed.