

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Senator COONAN-I have run out of time for my questions so what I am asking you to particularly take on notice for me in relation to that earlier chart, chart 3, with the allocation, the money approved, the money actually rolled out, is a list of all the projects in each of the particular categories of the package and where in particular in relation to approvals there is a contract signed and where there is not.

Mr Mrdak-We will take that on notice.

Answer:

Under the Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan (NB-ESP, the Plan) at the end of September 2009, 49,251 major projects had been approved, 24,705 had commenced and 4,258 had been completed. \$26.6 billion in funding had been approved and of this, \$6.5 billion paid by the Commonwealth. With the Plan well into the implementation phase, projects are generally either underway or nearing the completion of tender negotiations with builders and other service providers.

It is not possible to provide a list of projects that identifies against each approved project what contract or contracts have been signed.

The task of procuring the services to deliver these projects lies with the jurisdictions, each of which employs differing approaches in their procurement and contract management processes. Depending on the nature of a particular project, a number of contracts for different services may be entered into for that project, and some of those

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contracts will cover work on multiple projects (as described in the answer to question PM39).

The NB-ESP website provides a listing of all projects approved under the Plan which can be searched by post code. We would be happy to provide, from the website, a list of Nation Building – Economic Stimulus Plan projects, but as mentioned above, are unable to provide a list with the breakdown of the requested details of contracts entered in respect of each listed project.