

Senate Finance and Public Administration Standing Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES HEARINGS

PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET PORTFOLIO

Department/Agency: Department of Regional Australia, Regional Development and Local Government

Outcome: 1

Topic: Regional / Community Infrastructure Funding

Senator: MACDONALD

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Could the Minister provide details of the commitments made prior to the 2010 Election in relation to the following project: **Cairns Cultural Centre**

Stating:

- a) the total cost of the project;
- b) the government's commitment in dollar terms;
- c) where the funding will be sourced;
- d) when construction will commence;
- e) how long will construction take; and

what detail the Department has been provided with regarding the promise.

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Answer:

- (a) \$241.6 million
- (b) \$40 million
- (c) Infrastructure Employment Projects program
- (d) The construction schedule is yet to be finalised.
- (e) The construction schedule is yet to be finalised.

The Cairns Regional Council has provided a Funding Submission, a Development Economic Impact Study, a Concept Planning Report and Cashflow and Budget information.

Further information will be sought as part of the Department's assessment of the project.