

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**

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What high-value projects is the Inspectorate evaluating?

**Answer:**

Monetary Unit Sampling is the methodology used by the Reconstruction Inspectorate to select projects for review, based on actuarial advice, as it results in higher value projects to be selected with greater frequency. The cumulative dollar value of all approved projects is monitored, and a project is selected for review when its value crosses a pre-determined dollar threshold of the cumulative total.

Of the eight projects currently under review by the Reconstruction Inspectorate, the three highest by value are each valued at more than \$20 million. One is a Department of Transport and Main Roads project with a Queensland Reconstruction Authority-approved value of \$90 million. The Western Downs Regional Council project with an approved value of \$37 million includes a number of roads projects. The Townsville City Council project with an approved value of \$21 million included a variety of emergent works, including repair and cleanup of drainage structures, bikeways, roads and paths.