



Minister for Planning; Culture & the Arts
Government of Western Australia

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Hon Ken Travers MLC
Chair
Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
Legislative Council
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Travers

QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE – 2013/14 AGENCY ANNUAL REPORT HEARINGS

I refer to your letter dated 16 December 2014 in relation to the appearance of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority at the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee 2013/14 Agency Annual Report Hearings.

As requested, please find enclosed hard copy responses to the Questions taken on notice at the Committee hearings on the 10 December 2014, in the requested format.

An electronic copy of the responses will be sent to the Committee Clerk via the email address provided in your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

John Day MLA
**MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
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ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Wednesday, 10 December 2014

Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

Supplementary Information No D1: Hon Ken Travers asked –

(1) Under its contract, what date does Chevron need to start construction on Lot 7 by?

Answer: Chevron is required to start construction on Lot 7 by 15 December 2016.

(2) What are the remaining key milestone dates in the Chevron contract, including when the Development Application must be submitted by?

Answer: The Development Application must be submitted by 16 December 2015. Other key milestones include:

- December 2016 – Construction to commence
- December 2020 – Practical completion

(3) What are the key milestone dates, including payments, for Lots 9 and 10?

Answer: Key milestones dates for Lots 9 and 10 include:

- February 2015 – Development Application lodged
- September 2015 – Settlement
- March 2016 – Construction to commence
- December 2018 – Practical completion



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Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

Supplementary Information No D2: Hon Alanna Clohesy asked –

(1) What was the full-time equivalent staff at the MRA's Armadale office in the 2012-2013 and 2013-14 financial years, and what is the projected full-time equivalent for the 2014-15 financial year?

Answer: In 2012-2013 there was a total of 11.72 full-time equivalent staff.

In 2013-2014 there was a total of 13.2 full-time equivalent staff.

In 2014-2015 there is projected to be 15.2 full-time equivalent staff.



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Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

Supplementary Information No D3: Hon Alanna Chlohesy asked –

(1) What specific plans does the MRA have for the Armadale Redevelopment Area for the next 12 months and for each of the following five years?

Answer:

In the first six months of 2015 the MRA will continue to work closely with private developers (as landowners) to meet their planning and environmental approval obligations.

Over the remaining period of 2015 – 2020 the following work will be undertaken in the Armadale Redevelopment Area:

- Forrestdale Business Park East (to the east of Tonkin Highway): arterial and internal roads will be landscaped and the intersection of Armadale Road and Alex Wood Drive will be designed.
- Forrestdale Business Park West (to the west of Tonkin Highway): construction of road and service infrastructure, landscaping and environmental management.
- Champion Drive precinct: consistent with the Structure Plan, construction of Westfield Road will be completed, public open space, road and service infrastructure will be designed and constructed.
- In Kelmscott, work will be undertaken on a new Master Plan, Business Case and Structure Plan. Public infrastructure delivery will be coordinated with the City of Armadale.
- Wungong Urban Water Redevelopment area: coordination of State service providers as well as private development, public works and the provision of public open space, construction of road infrastructure and drainage infrastructure (non-Water Corporation) will be ongoing.
- Champion Lakes Commercial precinct: subdivision works will be finalised and land sales will commence.



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Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

Supplementary Information No D4: Hon Ken Travers asked –

(1) Does the MRA consult with the Department of Education?

Answer: Yes, the MRA consults with the Department of Education (DoE) on planning and development matters where it is considered existing education infrastructure may be affected, or where DoE has advised the MRA of a future interest in the area.

(2) Are there any potential sites within the MRA's redevelopment areas – other than Princess Margaret Hospital and East Perth Power Station – that would be suitable for a primary or high school?

Answer: Education establishments are nominated as either preferred or contemplated uses for all project areas under the Central Perth Redevelopment Scheme. Suitability of specific sites would be subject to advice from DoE.



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Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority

Supplementary Information No D5: Hon Ken Travers asked –

(1) Will the new footpath along Wellington Street, Perth have red tarmac?

Answer: No. The bicycle path will remain as black asphalt. Red tarmac is used to signify shared paths (for shared use by cyclists and pedestrians), while the Wellington Street path is for use by cyclists only.

(2) How does the MRA intend to address the matter of safety of both pedestrians and cyclists given the sunken nature of the footpath?

Answer: A Road Safety Audit was undertaken by the City of Perth in May 2013 and the final design was approved by the City of Perth's Access Working Group, which preferred the full separation (with kerbs) of the cycle path rather than an at-grade footpath/cycle lane design.

The cycle path is currently still under construction, with additional works such as line-marking and safety signage to be installed prior to operation of the path.

The cycle path will be paved in a black asphalt, which will visually delineate it from the adjacent footpath which will be finished in the City of Perth's standard 'Verde Austral' grey granite paving used for footpaths throughout the Central Business District.

Hon Alanna Chlohesy asked –

(3) Where else nationally or internationally does the sunken footpath concept operate?

Answer: Variations of separated and 'sunken' cycle paths are common in Europe and North America, including in Montreal, Paris, Copenhagen and Barcelona.

Nationally, a two-way 2.5m wide separated cycle path opened in King Street, Sydney in 2009. The MRA are advised that the King Street, Sydney cycle path has been successful, and believe similar designs are being planned elsewhere in Sydney.

