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Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC Chair Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations Icefoc@parliament.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Sibma

Local Projects Local Jobs Program - Request for Further Information

Thank you for your letter dated 25 September 2019 regarding the Local Projects Local Jobs (LPLJ) Program and your request for further information.

The LPLJ Program is progressing well with 18 of the 20 projects completed or in the design and construction phase of the process. All 18 projects should be completed by the end of 2019. The remaining 2 projects have required extensive negotiation with the relevant local governments and other agencies which has led to delays in the signing of the grant agreement contracts.

Our response to your specific requests is outlined below:

1. The original list of LPLJ project/commitments assigned to DoT to administer.

This was provided in the Addressing Incorrect Factual Information Parliamentary Inquiry document provided to the Standing Committee by Michelle Prior on 20 September 2019.

- 2. In relation to each project/commitment, details relating to:
 - a. the current status of each project/commitment (i.e. acquitted, in progress);
 - b. the dollar value of each original project/commitment;
 - c. whether the funding allocated to each project/commitment was spent in full;
 - d. whether there was an underspend in relation to any project/commitment; and
 - e. what happened to any unspent funds in relation to each project/commitment (i.e. retained by grantee, remitted to the agency).

DPC Code	Project Name	Status (a)	Funding committed (b)	Total funds spent to date (c)	Underspend (d)
MET004	Addressing road safety and hooning in Balga, Westminster and Alexander Heights	Complete	\$100,000	\$99,596	Yes (\$404)
MET057	Balga Perth Bike Network Route Upgrade	Complete	\$100,000	\$100,000	No
MET059	Ballajura Market Place Footpath	Complete	\$4,000	\$4,000	No

DPC Code	Project Name	Status (a)	Funding committed (b)	Total funds spent to date (c)	Underspend (d)
MET075	Beaufort Street Activation and Traffic Calming, Inglewood	In Progress	\$40,000	\$16,000	TBD: Project underway
MET098	Blackmore Avenue traffic calming	In Progress	\$150,000	\$90,000	TBD: Project underway
MET100	Bus Shelters	Complete	\$138,500	\$118,282	Yes (\$20,218)
MET261	City of Gosnells - Road safety improvements Gay Street Huntingdale	Complete	\$250,000	\$250,000	No
MET187	Extension of the bike path from Lacey St to William St, costs to be matched by City of Gosnells	In Progress	\$100,000	\$60,000	TBD: Project underway
MET216	Gosnells Bicycle Users Group - grant for maintenance training	Complete	\$50,000	\$50,000	No
MET225	Construction of speed bumps, traffic calming devices, better road signs	Complete	\$150,000	\$91,440	Yes (\$58,560)
MET225	Construction of speed bumps, traffic calming devices, better road signs	In Progress	\$100,000	\$60,000	TBD: Project underway
MET234	Hammond/Frankland/Russell . Road Intersection	Complete	\$250,000	\$250,000	No
MET236	Hampton Road safety upgrades	Complete	\$200,000	\$200,000	No
MET439	Helena River Footbridge - upgrade	In Progress	\$150,000	\$-	TBD: Project underway
MET262	Improving security at Greenwood Train Station	Complete	\$20,000	\$18,042	Yes (\$1,958)
MET383	Paget Street/South Street intersection safety upgrades	Complete	\$250,000	\$250,000	No
MET418	Roleystone SHS	Complete	\$20,000	\$20,000	No
MET425	Secret Harbour Primary School Guarded Crossing Safety Measures	Transfer of funds to DoE In Progress	\$50,000	\$-	10 5 20 <u>25</u> 54 2
MET443	South Terrace road safety upgrades	Complete	\$200,000	\$200,000	No
MET485	Traffic Calming on Hillsborough Drive & Woodchester Rd	Complete	\$110,000	\$100,371	Yes (\$9,629)
MET554	Two Rocks Beach Erosion Project	Complete	\$250,000	\$250,000	No
	Total			\$2,227,731	

As per the above table, five projects were delivered under budget. Unspent funds remain in the DoT account until the completion of the entire Local Projects Local Jobs initiative, after which are returned to the consolidated account. Only the actual funds which were spent by each respective local government on delivering the project were paid via milestone payments or on acquittal.

A copy of the template grant agreement(s) used by your agency to administer the LPLJ project.

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4. An explanation of DoT's process for managing variations to LPLJ projects.

As noted in the Addressing Incorrect Factual Information Parliamentary Inquiry document provided to the Standing Committee by Michelle Prior the description of the Department's process for managing variations is outlined below.

I can now confirm there was one agreed scope variation of the LPLJ projects allocated to the Department of Transport. It was for MET236 Hampton Road safety upgrades. In this project, the recipient wanted to include the Lloyd Street intersection upgrade in the works, in addition to the Hampton Road safety upgrade. Approval to broaden the scope of the project was sought via the Minister for Transport's office; and also approved by the local member. This did not result in a change to the budget allocation for the project.

The Chair also asked 'Do you recall receiving any advice from DPC, in the event there is a variation, about how you would deal with it?'

I can confirm we did receive advice on the procedure should the recipient request a variation. The procedure was to discuss the request for variation with the Department of Transport's Ministerial and Government Business Unit, who would then discuss the request with the Minister for Transport's Ministerial Office.

5. An explanation of DoT's acquittal process (including any guidelines/ policies)

The acquittal of LPLJ projects is per the terms written into the grant agreement (see Clause 7.6). At the completion of the project, Grantees are required to provide a signed acquittal form (see Attachment 1), as well as copies of invoices for the works undertaken and photographs of completed infrastructure or activities.

If you require further information, please contact Michelle Prior A/Director Active Transport and Safety on (08) 6551 6696.

Yours sincerely

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