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Transparency needed for major projects performance

The Auditor General today tabled in Parliament the *Transparency Report: Major Projects* that provides information on the cost and time performance of 15 major State government projects.

Auditor General Ms Caroline Spencer said despite the significant investment of public money in major projects to build roads, hospitals, schools, prisons and other government infrastructure, Parliament and the public cannot easily access information on their progress.

'My office has commented on this lack of transparency in a number of previous reports, as did the Government's 2018 *Special Inquiry into Government Programs and Projects*.

'It is my view that Government should provide regular public reporting on the status of major projects to satisfy public interest, promote accountability, and build trust and confidence around the management of these significant public investments.

'It is my intention to periodically report and track a selection of major projects until Government fills the gap,' Ms Spencer said.

Of the 15 projects selected none publicly report cost and time progress on a regular basis. All are being managed within their current approved funding. Detailed planning has resulted in increased funding for 3 projects and 5 have had their funding reduced.

Ms Spencer said I am pleased the Department of Treasury, Department of Finance and Infrastructure WA support, in principle, the recommendation to work together to improve transparency through regular reporting to Parliament and the public on the cost, and time and status of major projects.

Included in the report is a summary sheet on each project that provides its overall status and the OAG assessment of the project.

Report resources

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