

4. CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY PROGRESS REPORT

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The purpose of this report is to update the Property and Major Projects Committee on progress with the Christchurch Art Gallery.

REPORT PERIOD ENDING 23 APRIL 2002

GENERAL

Wall framing and the installation of services (mechanical, electrical, fire sprinklers and hydraulics) to the ground floor are almost complete. The installation of wall linings to these areas will commence shortly.

North-western (Gloucester/Montreal Streets) corner – the last section of basement wall is almost ready to be poured and the basement floor slabs are now complete.

South-western (Worcester/Montreal Streets) corner – eight of the elliptical steel mullions for the sculpture wall has been installed.

North-eastern corner – wall framing and the installation of services are under way on the first floor. The roof slab above the second floor has almost been completed.

South-eastern corner – the roof over the first floor galleries has been completed.

Central (grand stair) area – the steelwork for the grand stair has been erected and the roof trusses have been installed.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Half of the glass for the sculpture wall to the Montreal Street façade has arrived in Christchurch. The subcontractor for the sculpture wall has experienced a delay with the supply of the remainder of the glass order and is currently negotiating a revised date with the supplier. The installation of the glazing will have to be re-programmed but no delay to the project completion date is anticipated.

APPROVALS REQUIRED

No approvals are being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The Christchurch Art Gallery building contract is on programme for completion by 25 November 2002. The official opening will take place over the weekend of 25 - 27 April 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$39,886,600.

The forecast total cost is \$38,688,222.

The total remaining contingency is \$1,198,378, of which \$600,000 is frozen, and is only to be expended with the prior approval of the Council.

The contingency has increased by approximately \$36,000 this month, mainly due to a saving being achieved on the provisional sum for the car parking equipment.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.