

6. 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 21 MARCH 2003

PROGRESS

The transfer of the collection from the Robert McDougall Art Gallery is progressing well.

Fitout of the large first floor permanent collection gallery has been completed together with about half of the small first floor gallery.

Fitout of the large ground floor gallery is underway.

Completion of the remaining work to the foyer and tenancy areas is progressing well.

Linings are being installed to the Gloucester Street bus canopy and external siteworks including paving and planters are well advanced.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

There are no outstanding issues or approvals being sought from this meeting.

PROGRAMME

The building is on programme for the official opening on 10 May 2003.

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$40,109,752.

The forecast total cost is \$39,512,528.

The total remaining contingency is \$597,224. As advised at last month's meeting, some of the \$600,000 frozen contingency has had to be used this month to cover variations. Major changes since the last report were \$14,000 for craneage to the sculpture poles and \$4,200 for additional streetlighting at the Worcester Boulevard/Montreal Street corner.

It is recommended that the frozen contingency be reduced from \$600,000 to \$550,000 to cover variations up to completion date.

The remaining \$550,000 contingency will be required to cover commissioning costs, final account resolution, contractor's claims, consultants' fee claims and currency fluctuations.

The monthly financial report is attached.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Committee approve the reduction in the contingency fund from \$600,000 to \$550,000 to cover variations up to the completion date.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.