

7. 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 26 MAY 2003

PROGRESS/PROGRAMME

The Prime Minister officially opened the building as programmed on 10 May 2003. The weekend of opening events was very well attended and visitor numbers have continued at a high level since the opening.

The contractor is currently completing the remaining remedial items.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

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

COST CONTROL

The approved budget is \$41,697,284 including the enhancement items.

The forecast total cost is \$41,132,276.

The total remaining contingency is \$565,008, of which \$550,000 is frozen, and is only to be used with the prior approval of the Committee.

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.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.