

5. 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 24 JULY 2002

General

Basement – the de-watering pumps have been switched off and painting of the walls and ceiling are almost completed.

Ground floor – the installation of precast bluestone panels along the Montreal Street frontage is continuing. Bluestone wall cladding to the interior wall of the foyer is approximately 90% complete. The installation of the elliptical steel mullions for the sculpture wall is complete apart from the last two mullions closest to Gloucester Street. The aluminium transoms for the sculpture wall are well underway and glass has been installed to approximately 40% of the first cone. Most of the interior doors and frames have been installed and interior wall linings are underway.

First floor – installation of interior door-frames, doors and wall linings have commenced.

Second floor – the first fix of services (mechanical, electrical, fire and hydraulics) are continuing and the roofing has been completed.

Third floor – the roofing to the plant room has been completed and the exterior and interior linings have commenced.

Central (grand stair) area – the roofing has been completed apart from the skylights to the perimeter of the area.

OUTSTANDING ISSUES/APPROVALS REQUIRED

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

PROGRAMME

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

COST CONTROL

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

The forecast total cost is \$39,007,422.

The total remaining contingency is \$1,102,330 of which \$600,000 is frozen, and is only to be used with the prior approval of the Committee.

The remaining contingency will be required to cover future variations, commissioning costs, final account resolution, contractor's claims and currency fluctuations.

The monthly financial report is attached.

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Recommendation: That the information be received.