

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2014**

Question

Would the Minister state when the drainage works at Snow Hill were initially due to be completed and advise of the current estimated completion date? Would he also state whether the contract for the work contained any contingency clauses (such as encountering unforeseen ground conditions) and, if so, whether that could have the potential to affect the fixed price he has alluded to in the past?

Answer

The works at Snow Hill were originally programmed to be complete at the end of October 2013 and are now programmed to be completed by the end of October 2014.

The Contract is a standard Engineering Contract for this type of work which includes Clauses which can be activated if unforeseen ground conditions are encountered. In this instance, these standard Clauses have been modified to be more definitive and remove potential for subjective interpretation by Contractors pursuing claims.

The construction of the below ground shafts and tunnels has been a highly technical and very challenging project which is now nearing completion with all works successfully completed and the project planned to be fully demobilised by the end of November.

Whilst the works have been prolonged, the Contractor has so far failed to provide any technically supported claims for additional monies due under the Contract and the fixed price Contract sum is currently unaffected.