

Council Member
Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor
Martin

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Martin will ask the following Question on Notice:

‘Could the Administration confirm that consistent with the approval of Council and an email from the then Acting CEO to elected members dated April 9th, 2021, that the current Town Hall repairs will include such works as are necessary to the Albert Tower to overcome “subsiding causing cracking ... (that) represents a hazard to the building and King William Street” and to stabilise the Tower “... through the integration of an internal steel frame which will prevent collapse in the event of an earthquake”

REPLY

1. The current project Adelaide Town Hall Façade Conservation Works incorporates the rectification of cracking on the bell tower and stabilisation of mortar and stonework. This Project does not include any internal stabilisation of the tower, consisting of steel framing for seismic bracing, as there is a separate project for these works, as identified below.
2. The Adelaide Town Hall Albert Tower Rehabilitation project has commenced with design works for seismic bracing currently at 70% complete, with a 100% completion targeted within the 2023/24 financial year.
3. This project includes all relevant approvals, architectural and engineering documentation, with the intention, subject to budget approval in the 2024/25 financial year, for construction works to progress following completion of the façade conservation works.
4. Installation of seismic bracing to the tower is intended to provide sufficient strengthening to allow for the rectification of the tower in the event of a significant earthquake, noting that whilst there is currently no immediate risk of structural failure of the tower, an independent structural assessment of the tower has revealed that in the event of a significant earthquake, the tower would likely be damaged to a point where rectification may not be possible.

Staff time in receiving and preparing this reply.	To prepare this reply in response to the question on notice took approximately 5 hours.
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