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Road repairs to continue

The Administration of Norfolk Island has advised that an expected shipment of bitumen emulsion did not arrive on the most recent voyage of the *Norfolk Guardian* from New Zealand. Due to changes in shipping schedules, the Administration does not expect the shipment to be received before late May.

The Minister for Finance, Ron Nobbs, said that the shortage of bitumen emulsion would require some modification to the Administration's road patching work. "We will continue to fill potholes," Mr Nobbs said, "But need to avoid wasting road base aggregate, which is quickly scattered by traffic when placed without bitumen. We will therefore be using hard fill rather than aggregate as a temporary pothole filler during the next few weeks".

Mr Nobbs said that he was currently engaged in a comprehensive review of road building and road repairs, with a view to developing a long-term strategy for the upgrading and replacement of major Norfolk Island roads. The strategy would be designed to complement the asset management plan for all major Administration assets and infrastructure and to ensure that funds were available for future years to improve the Norfolk Island road system.

Ron Nobbs
Minister for Finance

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