

News story: Government delivering over £450 billion in major UK projects

The [Infrastructure and Projects Authority \(IPA\)](#) has published its [2016 to 17 annual report on major projects](#), reporting 143 major projects on the Government's Major Projects Portfolio (GMPP), worth £455.5 billion and spread across 17 government departments.

The report is in support of the IPA's ongoing purpose to improve the way infrastructure and major projects are delivered and the government's commitment to transparency and delivering public services effectively and efficiently.

Projects currently on the GMPP reflect the government's priorities; making our infrastructure fit for the 21st Century, maintaining the security of the realm and modernizing and digitizing our public services.

The [annual report](#) provides a snapshot of how well these projects are progressing as of September 2016. The data shows a steady improvement in the way that government is delivering major projects:

- over 60% of projects by whole life cost are likely to be successfully delivered
- since last year's report, the number of at risk projects has reduced from 44 to 38, which continues to be an improvement from 48 the previous year
- transformation projects continue to make up the largest category of the GMPP with 40 projects
- the infrastructure and construction sector is the largest area of growth on the GMPP, reaching a record value of £222.5 billion

The government has successfully completed a number of projects during the last year such as DCMS's Super Connected Cities Programme, which enabled an extra 42,500 small business across the UK to have access to faster broadband.

John Manzoni, Chief Executive of the Civil Service, said:

This year's report continues to reflect a broad and ambitious government agenda with transformation and infrastructure and construction remaining key priorities.

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delivering major projects. All government projects are designed to improve the lives of our citizens. As we continue to deliver, the benefits of these projects will be felt by the public.

Tony Meggs, Chief Executive of the IPA, said:

We know that success or failure of a project is often determined in its earliest phases. That is why the IPA is focussing its efforts on engaging and supporting specific projects in the early stages of their development.

We will continue to work with departments and industry as early as possible on their projects, so we can help ensure they are set up for success.