

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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to Minister for Infrastructure and Transport

\$30 Million Fix-Up for Alice Springs Hospital

Has formal legal proceedings by the Northern Territory Government against the managing contractor for the redevelopment of the Alice Springs Hospital, namely John Holland, been deferred, and if so when is the sunset of the deferral? If not, what is the current status of the legal proceedings?

ANSWER

A Writ was issued against John Holland Pty Ltd and others last year to preserve the Territory's legal rights. The Master of the Supreme Court directed on 8 February 2006 that the Writ be served on the parties and this has occurred.

A detailed claim has been submitted to John Holland and John Holland has responded. Representatives of John Holland and the Territory attended a facilitated meeting mid this year to progress the matters and the subject of the claim. The Territory and John Holland are continuing to discuss the matters, the subject of the claim and within an agreed process following the facilitated meeting.

The legal proceedings have been deferred until 5 March 2007. A decision in relation to any further deferral of the proceedings will be made before that date.