

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Higgins to the Minister for Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics:

**Asbestos program**

- 1. What funding is reserved for checking NTG buildings for asbestos and ensuring structures are “intact”?**

Agencies utilise their repairs and maintenance funding to undertake asbestos inspections and related works. The allocation of funding for repairs and maintenance is dependent on factors such as Department size, asset portfolio size, use, condition and age.

Agencies are responsible for maintaining asbestos registers and management plans for their assets. These documents must be updated every five years.

- 2. What arrangements are in place for asbestos inspections of older private buildings housing NTG departments?**

The management of asbestos in leased buildings is the responsibility of the building owner. DCIS is responsible for the management of the government’s leased property portfolio. DCIS actively maintains an Asbestos Register for the portfolio, which is available to tenancing agencies, contractors etc. via <http://ntgcentral.nt.gov.au/ntg-tools-services/buildings-and-property/asbestos-register-dcis>