

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION 138

Ms J Carney

to Minister for Health

Alice Springs Hospital - Clinical Management Wing Upgrade

When I had the briefing with your office in April, I was given a summary and in it there was the following reference; 'Following complaints from staff, various other technical advice has been sought on the air-conditioning, water, plumbing and medical gas systems. Design and documentation to upgrade the clinical management wing to full ICU standard has been undertaken so it can be used as the decant ward for all other wards during the rectification works, and tenders called for the work':

1. Would you kindly advise of the status of the above work and when did staff first start to complain about the need for these problems and issues?

ANSWER

Following the redevelopment of Alice Springs Hospital various problems were uncovered that included air-conditioning, water and plumbing.

To rectify these problems the Clinical Management Wing is being upgraded to full ICU standard that will allow patients to be decanted to this wing and allow rectification work to continue in the vacated wards.

It is expected that the Clinical Management Ward will be completed at the end of October 2005.