

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Old Health Clinic at Elliott

- 1. The Old Health Clinic in Elliott has been vacant and unused for 3-4 years. Can this site and building be repurposed?**

The old health centre in Elliott has been vacant since the new health centre was completed in early-2016.

The old health centre building is not suitable for repurposing due to identified structural issues.

- 2. Why has the old clinic been left unused?**

In 2018-19 the Department of Health initiated a project to renovate and repurpose the old health centre for use as a health promotions and training facility. During the project, structural issues were identified (wall movement resulting in cracks opening up) and as such, the project did not proceed.

- 3. Have other agencies been consulted about the potential use of this facility?**

The Department of Health is the agency in control of the asset. It is its decision to determine future use intentions for the old health centre.

- 4. Does this old facility require any upgrades or could a new tenant move in and repurpose the existing facilities?**

As mentioned in response to question 2, structural issues with the old health centre have been identified. Rectification of issues would be required before any further use of the building could proceed. Funding for any rectification work would need to be identified by the Department of Health.

- 5. If Government doesn't intend to use this facility, will it be sold to the private sector?**

This is unlikely, as there are other assets situated with the old health centre on lots 93, 94 and 95 that are still in use as outlined below:

- a block of three accommodation units – renovated in September 2018 and still in use by Department of Health staff; and
- the morgue – still in use.