

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Lambley to the Minister for Health:

Deferred storm rectification works for Central Australian Health Service Buildings

On Monday 20 November 2016 the NT Government announced the indefinite deferral of \$11m of “storm rectification works” for Central Australian Health Service buildings, from the forward works programme.

Please provide -

1. Details of the scope of the works of this \$11m storm rectification project for Central Australian Health Service buildings?
2. Exactly what work will not be undertaken now that this \$11m infrastructure project is deferred?
3. Any work safety issues that need to be considered if storm damaged buildings remain unrepaired?

Please advise when will these \$11m of “storm rectification works” for the Central Australia Health Service, that you have deemed as “non-essential”, come back onto the infrastructure works schedule?

Response -

\$11 million was identified on the 2016/17 Capital Program for storm rectification works in Alice Springs for the Central Australia Health Service. This allocation has been revised to \$3 million for urgent rectification works and any further roof rectification can be undertaken as funding allows in future years.

Immediate safety concerns with any storm damaged buildings were addressed soon after the storm.

The original allocation was based on an estimation of general requirements and had not been through a formal assessment or itemised quotation of costs process. The estimate included assumptions for additional funds for associated works to relocate staff and patients during rectification, if needed.

The revised allocation of \$3 million provides for:

- Roof repairs to:

- Pathology Building
- Liebig Building
- Staff Accommodation Buildings
- Mortuary/Patient Records/Laundry area of Services Building

- Drainage rectification works near the Liebig Building

The scope of works has been more specifically focused on essential repairs to facilities that will affect core hospital operations if such a storm was to occur again.

In confirming this essential scope of works, it has become evident that it will not be required to relocate staff and patients.

All these works will be undertaken within this funding allocation.

If further works are required or identified after these works have been completed, it will be submitted through the usual Capital Works processes