

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

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

Hospitals works

- 1. Apart from the \$8.7M expenditure for the PET scanner, cyclotron infrastructure and purchase of major equipment at RDH, is there any further expenditure planned/committed to for the continuing upgrades at RDH?**

In 2018-19, in addition to expenditure for the PET scanner, cyclotron infrastructure and equipment (including a second CT scanner), investment in RDH infrastructure includes:

- Completion of the Multi-Storey Car Park facility
- Extension of the Alan Walker Cancer Care Centre to provide for 12 new chemotherapy chairs, resulting in an overall 18 chair and 2 bed treatment capacity
- Completion of the RDH Redevelopment project
- Building renewal works including concrete spalling repairs.

- 2. How far along are we into the \$69M upgrade for RDH? As in, are we at the half way mark or further along?**

The RDH Upgrade program as stated in 2016, totalled \$64 million. This included:

- Redevelopment of Emergency Department Entry, Outpatients, Front Entry
- Air conditioning upgrades
- Refurbishment of Levels 4 and 5 for Paediatrics and Negative Pressure Isolation rooms
- Upgrades of fire doors and bathrooms.

The majority of the work (95%) is complete. The remaining works, which comprise air conditioning upgrades and fire door replacement, is occurring progressively.

- 3. Under the revote for RDH upgrades, you have \$2.3M toward “remedial repair of spalling concrete on the main ward block to ensure the structural integrity remains sound and increases the life of the facility”. Is the building safe? Are there any asbestos concerns?**

The concrete sunhoods have undergone a significant investigation as to their current condition and life expectancy. Improvements to the cyclone resistance of the façade glazing in conjunction with treatment of the sunhoods is also being investigated. Whilst a number of options have been considered to date, the preferred option is to remove the existing sunhoods and upgrade the cyclone resistance of the existing windows. This option comes at a considerable cost and the proposal is on a list of Department of Health’s forward works priorities.

In the meantime, regular inspections of the sunhoods are being undertaken with any essential repairs required being undertaken to ensure safety.

There are no asbestos concerns with the sunhoods. Presence of asbestos in the hospital buildings is included in the asbestos register and asbestos management plan for the campus. Where asbestos has been identified, it is removed in conjunction with other upgrade works as funding is made available.

- 4. You have budgeted \$850,000 (BP3, p 143) for asbestos remediation works at ASH – has the contract been let and when do you expect those works to be completed?**

This funding has been provided to supplement ongoing asbestos remediation works at the Alice Springs Hospital, including:

- \$1.4 million project for removal and disposal of asbestos containing materials from the Pathology Unit and the Public Health Services building (Clinic 34), including temporary relocation of tenants; and
- \$1.6 million project for demolition of the Pathology Unit and Public Health Services building and design for a new Pathology Unit. A construction tender is anticipated for September 2018.

5. Are there any planned major (over \$100,000) upgrades in the next financial year for the Katherine, Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy hospitals? If so, please list them and their value.

Gove District Hospital

- Opening of new Emergency Department
- Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies
- Fire safety improvement works

Katherine Hospital

- Upgrade of Jack Roney Wing isolation rooms
- Replacement of boilers

Tennant Creek Hospital

- Generator and switchboard upgrade
- Water storage tank
- Installation of Uninterruptable Power Supplies
- Upgrade of medical imaging facility
- Mortuary and viewing area upgrade
- Mental Health Services Barkly Relocation to Tennant Creek Hospital Campus
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Service Central Australia (ADSCA) Relocation to Tennant Creek Hospital Campus

Agencies are currently working through repairs and maintenance, and minor new works project priorities for 2018-19, with planned projects

currently in early scoping or planned to be delivered following scoping and design throughout the financial year.