

PORT HEDLAND — OLD HOSPITAL SITE PLANS

1645. Mr T.G. Stephens to the Minister for Health

- (1) What funds have been allocated, and in which financial years, for the demolition of the old hospital in Port Hedland to take place once the new South Hedland Regional Health campus is open and operational?
- (2) What steps are being taken by the Minister's portfolio agencies to ensure that once the old hospital site has been vacated by the Health Department, there will be an immediate demolition of the old hospital and preparations put in place for the future use of this site?
- (3) Given the portfolio responsibility the Minister has for disused government facilities like the old Hedland hospital, will the Minister ensure that all of the necessary pre-planning and approvals are in place so that the old Hospital site in Hedland can be immediately transformed into its future role to meet the needs of the town of Port Hedland; and
 - (a) if not, why not?

Dr K.D. HAMES replied:

- (1) No funds have been allocated from the Department of Health budget.
- (2) The disposal of the current Port Hedland Hospital will be undertaken in accordance with the Department of Treasury and Finance's "Asset Disposal Policy".

The transition plan into the new Hedland Health Campus at South Hedland requires that current services are transferred and fully operational in the new Hedland Health Campus before any demolition of the old site occurs. As a State Government asset, and under the Department of Treasury and Finance's "Asset Disposal Policy", the existing Port Hedland Hospital site will be returned to the Department of Planning who will initially offer the property to other Government agencies for re-use through the Department for Planning's Clearing House.

- (3) The requirements of the Department of Treasury and Finance's "Asset Disposal Policy" will need to be completed before any alternative planning can commence regarding this site.