

PLANNING — OLD BUNBURY FIRE STATION SITE

1736. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the old Bunbury fire station site at 34–40 Forrest Avenue Bunbury, and I ask:

- (a) what plans does the Government have for this site;
- (b) is this site a contaminated site;
- (c) if yes to (b), what is the contaminant and what is the status of the land;
- (d) given the fire station was rebuilt elsewhere at least six years ago, and the building has been unused since, when will a decision be made on its future;
- (e) will the building be demolished, and if so why and when;
- (f) could the building be made available for the not-for-profit sector to provide social services;
- (g) if no to (f), why not; and
- (h) what proposals has the Government received for the site to date, and what has been the Government response to each proposal?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) advises:

- (a) The DFES owns the site and plans to repurpose it as a regional training facility.
- (b)–(c) Preliminary site investigations identified concentrations of PFAS substances. The site is classified as possibly contaminated and further investigation is required.
- (d)–(f) Not applicable.
- (h) In 2022, the Hon Don Punch MLA, Member for Bunbury requested that the site be transferred to the Department of Planning, Land and Heritage (DPLH) and made available for community purposes. A process was enacted for this to occur, however DFES has since identified the need for it to be used as a training facility.