

PUBLIC TRUSTEE — REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

**422. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:**

This question does not have a number, strangely, but I will ask it in anticipation.

I refer to the Attorney General's admission on 28 March 2023 that recommendation 3 of the Auditor General's performance audit *Public Trustee's administration of trusts and deceased estates* had missed its implementation time line of 31 January 2023.

- (1) What progress has the Public Trustee made on each part of recommendation 3?
- (2) When will the full recommendation be implemented?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. For his reference, the number is C498. The following answer has been provided to me by the Attorney General.

- (1) The Public Trustee considered the feasibility of developing a schedule of common repair costs. Due to the varied nature of the work performed on behalf of clients, implementing a schedule of common repair costs may not be practical nor cost effective. Photographic evidence is now mandatory for all relevant completed works. Spot checks will be incorporated into the new contract and undertaken by inspectors.
- (2) The development and tendering for the contracts is expected to take between three to six months; therefore, the implementation date will need to be extended to 30 September 2023.