

DENMARK HOSPITAL

999. Hon BARRY HOUSE to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the construction of the new hospital in Denmark.

- (1) Will the minister provide details of the proposed construction program and progress to date?
- (2) How much of the construction budget has been spent to date?
- (3) What percentage of the proposed works has been completed?
- (4) Will the minister provide details of any variations to the contract?
- (5) Is the minister aware of any cost blow-outs to the original contract price of \$18 million?
- (6) If yes, can the minister provide details of the additional claims?
- (7) When will the proposed hospital be completed?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The tender for the new 32-bed, \$18 million Denmark hospital was awarded in March 2007. Earthworks and in-ground services have been completed. The main building slabs and the wall and roof structural steelwork are in progress.
- (2) An amount of \$2.4 million has been spent to date.
- (3) Demolition - 100 per cent; earthworks - 90 per cent; hydraulics - 10 per cent; concrete - 10 per cent; and structural steel - 20 per cent.
- (4) Approved variations total \$37 000 to date and are within the development's budget.
- (5) There have been no cost blow-outs to the original contract price.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) The new hospital will be completed in August 2008. It will replace the 75-year-old existing facility and will give local people access to high-quality medical care in a modern, purpose-built facility.