

ESPERANCE RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE — UPGRADE FUNDING

965. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Education:

In Council estimates held on 18 June this year, advice was given that no funds had been allocated in the budget or forward estimates specifically for improvements to the Esperance Residential College.

- (1) When was the decision made to spend \$1.5 million upgrading the facilities, and where is the money being allocated from?
- (2) Was the college advised of that before yesterday's ministerial press release; and, if so, when was the college advised?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Training, I provide this answer from the Minister for Education —

- (1) The decision was made on 2 December 2009. The money is part of the \$2.1 million allocation in the 2009-10 state Country High School Hostels Authority division budget for residential college redevelopment.
- (2) No; the college was advised immediately following the minister's press release.