

DEPARTMENT OF ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — BAYULU HALL

2985. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the Asbestos being dumped in the Bayulu Community which the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has responsibility for and ask:

- (a) is the Department aware of the situation in Bayulu Community;
- (b) why has this issue not been addressed;
- (c) is the Minister aware that children play daily in the Asbestos debris; and
- (d) when will the Minister action remediation of Asbestos debris throughout Bayulu Community?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

- (a) Yes
- (b) The Bayulu Community is located on Crown Reserve 35197 which is held under Management Order to the Aboriginal Lands Trust. The Bayulu Community Incorporated holds a lease over the whole of the Reserve with some areas subleased to other bodies. It is the responsibility of the Balyulu Community to manage the infrastructure on their lease to ensure that the site does not pose a risk. An inspection has been initiated to ensure that the site is secured.
- (c) Any risk to children posed by asbestos from damaged buildings is unacceptable. Discussions are being held with the leaseholders regarding site remediation as a priority.
- (d) Refer to (c).