

ROEBOURNE REGIONAL PRISON — AIR CONDITIONING

935. Hon Dr BRAD PETTITT to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to media reports in April 2022 that the Department of Justice had commissioned for consideration a report on “requirements and indicative costs to install air-conditioning across all cells” at Roebourne Regional Prison.

- (1) Has the report been completed and could the minister please table a copy of the report?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Does the WA government plan to install air conditioning at Roebourne Regional Prison prior to this summer; and, if so, what is the time line for installation?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is based on information provided to me by the Minister for Corrective Services.

- (1) Yes, the report has been completed. However, it is not proposed to release the report at this stage as its disclosure could adversely impact any potential future tendering process.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No time line is currently available.
- (4) Roebourne Regional Prison continues to implement a number of effective controls to manage heat risk. These include fans in every cell; air conditioning in a number of areas including the recreation hall, prisoner visits area and female activities area; shade structures in the main areas of the prison; flexible routine to adjust to the Pilbara’s heat conditions; extra ice machines; and cold water bubblers.