

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BAYULU HALL

2984. Ms J. Farrer to the Minister representing the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the Bayulu Hall building located at the Bayulu Community which the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has responsibility for and ask:

- (a) why is this building not secured to prevent access;
- (b) is any of the building material of this building made of asbestos;
- (c) is the Minister aware that this building is adjacent to the local school and children play daily in the debris;
- (d) when will the Minister action securing of this building; and
- (e) when will the Minister action removal of this dangerous structure?

**Dr K.D. Hames replied:**

- (a) 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 Bayulu 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.
- (b) Refer to (a).
- (c) Any risk to children posed by asbestos from damaged buildings is unacceptable. It is important that the leaseholders ensure that the site is secure while the matter is being assessed. Discussions are being held with the leaseholders regarding site remediation as a priority.
- (d)–(e) Refer to (c).