

WITTENOOM — DEMOLITION WORKS

**888. Hon WILSON TUCKER to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Lands:**

Could the minister please update the house on the progress of demolition of the remaining structures at Wittenoom, including the expected completion date and estimated cost?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

It is important to note that demolition works were not able to occur until the state could provide a secure site to ensure the works did not present a further risk. This included ensuring all residents had permanently vacated the site. Due to the ongoing and repeated delays surrounding the vacation of the site by the last remaining resident, demolition works have been delayed. However, since the vacation occurred, initial works to decommission the Wittenoom town site have progressed and as much work as possible will take place in preparation for demolition of the structures before the wet season. Given the complexity of the site, the significant risk to the health and safety of any contractors accessing the site and the abovementioned delays, it is not yet possible to provide a clear time frame for the completion of works. The department will continue to work with Thuroona Services to plan out the demolition works to recommence after the wet season. The works are currently estimated to cost \$4.6 million.