

AMITY HOUSE, UPGRADE

227. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the Minister for Education and Training:

- (1) Is the minister aware that facilities at Albany residential college Amity House have been in urgent need of major upgrades for at least four years?
- (2) Will the minister advise whether a master plan for additions and improvements to the Albany residential college has been completed; and, if so, when was the master plan completed?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) If the answer to (2) is yes, will the minister provide details of what additions and improvements are being planned for the Albany residential college?
- (5) Will the minister advise whether an upgrade to, or replacement of, Amity House has been included in the forward estimates?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) Will the minister advise how soon the community can expect an upgrade or replacement?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes, a master plan was completed in November 2002.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) When completed the college will have a 120-student capacity. Additions and improvements will include single senior student accommodation; an upgrade of existing student accommodation; new staff accommodation and refurbishment of existing staff accommodation; the conversion of dormitories to recreation and common rooms; the refurbishment of existing kitchen and dining room and administration facilities; disabled access provision; hydraulic and energy services upgrades; and, new fixtures, furniture and equipment.
- (5) Yes.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) The building program will be staged between 2005 and 2007, ensuring that the boarding services can continue during the construction of the new facility.