

HEDLAND HEALTH CAMPUS — KITCHEN

1236. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to a recent internal memorandum titled “Hedland Health Campus kitchen staff meetings—temporary kitchen and trolleys discussion”.

- (1) Why are staff to use the old kitchen during a cyclone when the temporary kitchen is rated and safe?
- (2) How long has the temporary kitchen been on location?
- (3) How much has the state government spent on retaining the temporary kitchen?
- (4) Why is it taking so long for renovations of the old kitchen?
- (5) Is the department providing a safe work environment for kitchen staff at the Hedland hospital?
- (6) Why has the expenditure approval of temporary, hired kitchen been allowed if no budget allocation has been applied to the renovation of the old, uncompliant kitchen?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The temporary kitchen is cyclone rated but requires staff to go outside to meet operational requirements. A cyclone contingency plan has been developed to ensure that staff are safe and do not need to go outside during a code red.
- (2) It has been on site since February 2022.
- (3) It has spent \$940 000.
- (4) The tender for the renovation works has been awarded, and the contractor is due to commence on site this month.
- (5) Yes. Orientation and training have been provided to all kitchen staff.
- (6) The expenditure was approved to allow for food services to continue to be delivered at Hedland Health Campus whilst planning for renovations commenced in liaison with the Department of Health.