

MOORA RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE — INDEPENDENT WORKS ASSESSMENT

106. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the Minister for Education and Training:

I refer to Moora Residential College.

- (1) Will the minister agree to provide access to the college to a suitably qualified person to independently assess its condition and to report on works required to maintain the college in a safe operating condition in the short term?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) I refer to the report commissioned by the Department of Finance's Building Management and Works on behalf of the Department of Education, as tabled by the minister in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 13 March 2018, titled "Fire Compliance Upgrade Report". Can the minister confirm whether the report is predicated upon bringing the facility up to the latest fire-related standards in the Building Code of Australia or another standard?
- (4) In relation to this report commissioned by the minister's department, was information sought on the standard that it applies to the college and noncompliance with that standard?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Detailed reports on the condition of the college were tabled on 13 March 2018 and are available for review. These reports provide comprehensive information on the facility that were prepared by independent consultants.
- (3) The fire compliance upgrade report, dated 9 October 2017, was based on the works conforming to the "National Construction Code 2016, Volume One: Building Code of Australia, Class 2 to Class 9 Buildings".
- (4) Although there is no requirement to retrospectively apply building standards, this report was initiated on the basis that the facility would operate long term, hence the proposal to meet the National Construction Code's requirements. Following the decision to close the college at the end of 2018, work to improve safety by addressing the fire detection and warning systems was initiated.