

BOULDER EX-SERVICEMEN'S MEMORIAL CLUB — EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE

787. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Heritage

I refer to the earthquake damage in Boulder earlier this year and the Premier's commitment to help save the historic Boulder precinct.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club has structural damage, including a cracked side wall that will cost \$87 000 to fix, and an external building that has been so damaged that it will need to be replaced at a substantial cost?
- (2) What is the government doing to save the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club?
- (3) How much funding will the government make available to assist the club to stop its heritage building from deteriorating further?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. In part (1), the member said, "Is the Premier aware". Is that right? My copy of the question says, "Is the minister aware". That is the only clarification. Apart from that, the question is the same. Is the member comfortable with that?

Hon Helen Bullock: Yes.

Hon PETER COLLIER: The answer is as follows —

- (1) The Minister for Heritage is aware that the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club has sustained damage from the earthquake.
- (2) The Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club registered its interest in the state government's Goldfields earthquake restoration fund on 17 September 2010. The Office of Heritage contacted the Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club on 22 September 2010 to discuss funding opportunities. The Office of Heritage is waiting on the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club to advise the outcome from its insurance claim.
- (3) It is uncertain at this time what financial assistance the Boulder Ex-servicemen's Memorial Club will require. Under the Goldfields earthquake restoration fund, insurance excess is fully refundable, and any other costs associated with returning the building to its pre-earthquake condition not covered by insurance can be considered.