

HALE HOUSE — REFURBISHMENT

851. Hon KATE DOUST to the Minister for Finance:

I refer to the redevelopment of Hale House for the Office of the Premier and Cabinet Room.

- (1) What is the final actual or estimated cost for the entire redevelopment?
- (2) What is the total number of people, including the Premier and auxiliary services such as security personnel, who will occupy Hale House when fully occupied?
- (3) What was the total cost of moving staff previously accommodated in Hale House into new accommodation as a result of the redevelopment?
- (4) Has an official opening of the redeveloped Hale House been planned; and, if so, on what date will the opening be held?
- (5) Has a decision been made to rename Hale House; and, if yes, what name has been chosen?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the member for notice of the question.

- (1) The project is tracking within the approved budget of \$25.5 million. The actual cost will not be known until a cost reconciliation is carried out once the project is fully complete.
- (2) Around 35 staff from the Office of the Premier and Cabinet secretariat and two security personnel, so that is 37.
- (3) A total of \$1.4 million was allocated to the Department of Education for relocation and temporary accommodation lease costs.
- (4) No arrangements for an official opening have been made.
- (5) Yes. The name is Office of the Premier and Cabinet Room.