

ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE - CHRISTMAS CREEK AIRSTRIP

897. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Housing and Works:

I refer to the use of the Christmas Creek airstrip by the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

- (1) Is the minister aware that the airstrip's current state of repair is so poor that it cannot be used by the flying doctor?
- (2) Is the minister aware that as a consequence, the flying doctor is unable to provide regular services to the Wangkatjunga community?
- (3) Will the minister confirm that funds are available for heavy maintenance work on the Christmas Creek airstrip; and, if so, when will they be released?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Housing and Works, I provide the following response -

- (1) No.
- (2) No.
- (3) There are no funds within my portfolio earmarked for any maintenance work on this airstrip.