

PORT HEDLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HOSPITAL SITES — REDEVELOPMENT

1223. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Lands:

When will the state government put funds in place to secure the redevelopment of the old Port Hedland primary school site and adjacent old Hedland hospital site so that it can take its place as a major new precinct for visitors and locals alike?

Hon WENDY DUNCAN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Minister for Lands has responded. The proposed hotel and residential development on part of this land are in abeyance pending the outcome of the dust task force, which is to report to government in December. The government is committed to the future development of the Port Hedland waterfront area, including these parcels of land. Recently the Premier supported a group of council and government representatives undertaking a fact-finding tour of the Darwin waterfront. An announcement on the potential future development opportunities related to this and surrounding land will be made shortly.