

CHURCHILL PARK GUEST HOUSE — ASBESTOS CONTAMINATED MATERIAL

1067. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Housing:

I refer to the condition assessment report on asbestos contaminated material in the Churchill Park Guest House prepared by building condition and compliance officers in May 2013 which found that, according to my notes, “Some of the data conflicts with the Building Condition Assessment of 27 March 2012 carried out by Houspect building inspection services.”

- (1) Did the department authorise the purchase of the property on the understanding that it was suitable for use as a women’s refuge?
- (2) If so, was that understanding based on the Houspect Building Inspections report?
- (3) What action did the department take or consider taking against Houspect when the May 2013 report showed that there were omissions about the presence of ACM in the Houspect report?
- (4) If no to (2), on what was that understanding based?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. On behalf of the Minister for Housing, the Department of Housing advises —

- (1) Yes, the department authorised it.
- (2) Yes, it was based on the report.
- (3) No action was taken as the requested Houspect report was a standard building report that did not require a full and thorough identification of asbestos contaminated material.
- (4) Not applicable.