

CENTRE FOR NATIONAL RESILIENCE — BULLSBROOK

497. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the 500-bed Bullsbrook Centre for National Resilience, and the Premier's comments of 31 March 2022 when he said "We'll make it operate. We'll make it work when it's handed over."

- (1) From the date of the formal handover from the federal government until 15 May 2023, what is the total operational cost incurred by the taxpayers of Western Australia associated with the running of the Centre for National Resilience?
- (2) As at 15 May 2023, what is the breakdown of the operational costs since handover; and what ongoing recurrent funding has the McGowan government committed to this facility?
- (3) Given the Premier's commitment of 31 March 2022 that "We'll make it work", will the Premier please detail and table the specific usage, functionality, service delivery charter and associated KPIs, and staffing numbers at the Bullsbrook Centre for National Resilience?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question

- (1)–(3) Eighteen months into the pandemic, the former Liberal–National commonwealth government finally accepted its responsibility for quarantine and announced its intention to build a federal facility in Western Australia. The facility was planned, designed and built by the former Liberal–National commonwealth government for temporary quarantine accommodation. Alternative uses for the facility are decisions for its owner, the commonwealth government. Under the agreement signed between the state and commonwealth governments, the commonwealth-owned Centre for National Resilience in Bullsbrook is being maintained by the state government for a 12-month period before operations are transferred to the commonwealth. The budget allocated by the state to operate the Centre for National Resilience Perth for the twelve-month period is \$13 million. The current projected cost of operations is within the allocated budget.