Extract from Hansard

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LAVERTON HOSPITAL

1759. Hon Neil Thomson to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the Laverton hospital replacement/rebuild development, which I last asked about in June 2022, and the reply given indicated that the allocation of \$23.5 million for the hospital project would be insufficient due to current building market conditions and that WA Country Health Service is working with the Department of Health to develop a funding strategy; as the residents of Laverton are still waiting for an affirmative response from government on a start date, I ask:

- (a) what is the status of the proposed hospital build and has a funding strategy been completed and full funding secured;
- (b) if actual hospital construction has not commenced, when will it commence;
- (c) will the Minister again commit to improving consultation to keep the community informed about the progress of the hospital project as the previously outlined strategy has failed; and
- (d) if yes to (c), what new improved gold standard form will that take?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

(a)—(d) The Cook Labor Government remains committed to the redevelopment of Laverton Hospital. A construction timeline will be determined as part of the contract award process. The Minister will continue to keep the community informed as the project progresses.