

WITTENOOM STEERING COMMITTEE

157. Hon SOPHIA MOERMOND to the minister representing the Minister for Lands:

I refer to the Wittenoom Steering Committee.

- (1) When did the committee last meet?
- (2) When will the committee meet again?
- (3) What actions have been planned to capture asbestos fibres?
- (4) If no actions have been undertaken, why not?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Lands.

- (1)–(4) As has been previously publicly advised, the Wittenoom Steering Committee met on 30 August 2023 and a follow-up meeting was due to be scheduled for early 2024. The state government remains committed to working with the Banjima people and respectfully acknowledges their recent bereavement. Works to demolish above-ground structures within the Wittenoom asbestos-contaminated area have concluded. All roads into the former town site and nearby gorge are permanently closed, and it is not safe to visit.