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STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Mr Johnathan Davis MLA (Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr Michael Pettersson MLA

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2020-2021
QUESTION ON NOTICE

Nicole Lawder MLA: To ask the Special Minister of State

Ref: Seniors, CSD Annual Report, Tuggeranong 55+ Club

In relation to:

- 1) It has come to my attention that there is asbestos in the building of the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club, what is the ACT Government doing to monitor and rectify this situation?
- 2) Why has communication from the ACT Government been so poor to the club's committee about this serious issue?
- 3) What has the ACT Government done regarding the parking issues at Tuggeranong 55+ Club?

CHRISSTEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

- 1) A survey of the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club undertaken in November 2021 for hazardous material showed low to high ratings of asbestos containing material were found in the texture coating material that was applied on the exterior brick wall feature.

Remediation works were carried out and completed between 4 December 2021 and 14 January 2022 in consultation with the tenant, Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club, with a clearance certificate issued on 14 January 2022.

Low risk rated asbestos (stable asbestos with little damage and no exposure to airborne asbestos during normal building use) remains on three bricks on the exterior wall adjacent to the main entrance which could not be removed due to access difficulty. These bricks have had treatments applied to them to encapsulate the remaining asbestos and reduce the risk of exposure. Should any future works occur to the building this asbestos would be removed by a licensed Asbestos Removalist.

- 2) The Government engaged directly with the 55 Plus Club's Committee on this issue. The Club's Committee was consulted on 1 December 2021 regarding the proposed date of the remediation works. Following discussions with the Club the rectification works were rescheduled from 4 December 2021 to 11 January 2022.

- 3) The ACT Government previously changed parking restrictions in the vicinity of the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club to prevent commuter parking and free up spaces for people using the club.

There is also an existing ACT Government carpark with 370 spaces on Cowlshaw Street opposite the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club. The peak occupancy of this carpark is around 65 per cent and at other times of the day it is less than half full.

Pedestrian access between the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club and the Cowlshaw Street carpark was improved several years ago with delivery of a pedestrian refuge. Although this is a pay parking area during business hours, the hourly rate is \$2.00 to a maximum daily value of \$12.00.

The Cowlshaw Street carpark includes 11 disability parking spaces which is above the required 3 per cent of total car parks. Members of the Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club who have an Australian Disability Parking Permit can park in these spaces free of charge.

The ACT Government also provides volunteer parking permits. Members of the club who volunteer can apply for a volunteer parking permits which entitles them to free parking in the Cowlshaw Street carpark.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Signature:



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By the Special Minister of State, Chris Steel MLA