

Question on Notice

No. 261

Asked on Wednesday, 17 April 2013

MR KATTER asked the Minister for Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services (MS DAVIS)—

QUESTION

With reference to planning approval for the new Mount Isa Family Support Service and Neighbourhood Centre given 12 months ago and as yet neither the manager or the president have been updated on its building status and no preparatory building work has begun—

As this centre provides valuable services such as distribution of emergency relief food vouchers, no interest loan scheme, playgroup and various life skills programs, will the Minister advise on the building status of this much-needed centre and tell the people of Mount Isa when they can expect the upgraded services so essential to a city of this size?

ANSWER

The Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services has been planning to replace the department owned Neighbourhood Centre at Mount Isa with a purpose built facility, which is based on extensive consultation with community stakeholders.

The project is going through a revised design process before going to tender for construction. This redesign process is focussed on finalising a design that will meet community needs and come within the available budget.