

Question on Notice

No. 812

Asked on 14 June 2018

MS F SIMPSON ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE (HON Y D'ATH) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Sunshine Coast legal community concerns about leaky roofs and ageing facilities at the Maroochydore Court House—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) what work is being done to assess the state of this building's disrepair and its fitness for purpose for its current and emerging workload and (b) what is being done to plan for its upgrade or replacement?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Maroochydore for her question.

In response to part (a) I am advised the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) is conducting condition assessments of all facilities owned by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG), including the Maroochydore Courthouse, as part of a rolling program.

The assessment program determines the condition of a building in accordance with whole-of-Government guidelines and identifies any maintenance issues, which are then prioritised and addressed within the department's annual maintenance program.

The next condition assessment of the Maroochydore Courthouse is due to occur during the 2018-19 financial year.

Works completed since 2013, or currently scheduled, at the courthouse include:

- Capital works: \$1.9 million of works have been completed including an air conditioning upgrade, dock upgrades, carpet replacement and repainting;
- Planned maintenance: \$257,300 of works have been completed. The main items replaced were duress alarms, emergency lighting, a fire indicator panel, lift controllers, carpet, fencing and roof repairs. Replacement of acoustic wall panels in District Courts 1-3 is scheduled for completion by 31 August 2018 at an estimated cost of \$100,000; and
- Statutory service maintenance: DHPW is engaged to deliver an ongoing program of statutory services maintenance (i.e. legislatively required maintenance of plant and equipment in accordance with the Australian Standards) valued in the order of \$88,000 per annum.

Unplanned maintenance is arranged locally by the courthouse Registrar through DHPW.

In response to part (b) I can assure the Member that the Palaszczuk Government is acutely aware of the importance of local Courthouses to their local communities across Queensland.

The Maroochydore Courthouse is only 26 years old and I am advised the Courthouse is regularly maintained.

There are no plans to replace the Courthouse.