

Senate Community Affairs Committee

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Question:

Can this committee then receive some information about what has transpired [following discussion of concrete pour with NT officials]?

Answer:

The Northern Territory Government has advised that:

- the concrete poured was for the founding slab for the Emergency Department stairwell of the Palmerston Regional Hospital;
- Lend Lease, as the managing contractor, made the decision to cover the hole rather than fence it for public safety reasons while the perimeter fence is still under construction;
- Lend Lease is managing the site at Palmerston Regional Hospital in line with their contractual obligations and safety is their number one priority as they begin site establishment works; and
- at the appropriate time, the concrete will be exposed and structural work will progress.