

## Councillor Question Time – answers to questions taken on notice\*

---

Is there a timeline for refurbishment of the Elenara building? Is it actively being refurbished and is there a completion date? Are there squatters inside?

**(Cr Voss)**

### **Response**

Since acquisition by the Department of Human Services in 1983 Elanara has provided 36 units of community housing managed by St. Kilda Community Housing Ltd. In 2014 Council advocated to oppose the sale by DHHS of the building as this would have meant a significant loss of social housing in the municipality. In December 2016 DHHS funded works started at Elanara to refurbish the property to 31 self-contained bedsits. DHHS are working closely with St Kilda Community Housing (SCH) and have held on-site meetings with the Architect and SCH. The next site meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28th September.

SCH have been advised by DHHS that works are progressing well and the refurbishment is on track for completion March/April 2018. Workmen are on site every day and there have been no signs or reports of squatters on site.

*\*Note: answers to any questions in Councillor Question Time which were answered at the meeting are included in the minutes of that meeting.*