

**Senate Economics References Committee  
Inquiry into non-conforming building products  
Questions on Notice**

At the committee's public hearing in Brisbane on Monday 30 January 2017, Mr Kevin Will, Yuanda Australia, stated:

We personally paid for all the workers to be tested on 1 William Street and the new Perth hospital. We have made a commitment to continue to monitor their health throughout their lives, all at a cost to Yuanda. On the new Perth Children's Hospital, while the atrium roof panels were removed of asbestos, the building was not complete so there were still some 200-odd workers on that project and still are today and the asbestos has long been cleared up, so I do not see how Yuanda has borne a cost to taxpayers for the new Perth hospital.

**Question 1:**

Could Yuanda Australia provide details of testing that they have paid for undertaken on workers exposed on 1 William Street and the Perth Children's' hospital including; number of workers tested, type of testing, the cost of testing, where the testing was done and who is the custodian of the results?

**Response 2:**

- All workers identified as having been exposed to the asbestos material at 1 William Street were provided with an initial medical assessment through Kinnect – who are an approved medical facility for asbestos health monitoring as per the requirements within the Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011.
- As the workers are not deemed under the legislation as asbestos workers (defined in the Regulations), Kinnect suggested that the workers exposed at 1 William Street should undertake 5 yearly medical examinations (rather than the 2 yearly medicals performed on workers who work with asbestos on a regular occurrence).
- Through Consultation with the Union, Builder and workers onsite it was identified that a total of 17 workers as being exposed and a medical was arranged for each worker in July and August 2016.
- It should be noted that one (1) worker stated that although they worked in the area they opted out of the medical:  
*“Paul's supervisor that although he worked on the site he did not handle the asbestos material and was not in the room in which the material was handled”.*  
As I am sure you can understand we are unable to force someone to attend a medical if they do not wish to.
- Cost per medical was \$350 per person + GST, total cost of medicals was \$5,950 + GST. It should be noted that although one (1) worker withdrew his file was set up to ensure that should he have a need in the future he can attend Kinnect to undertake the medical at a later date.
- A copy of each medical record was supplied to each worker and the offer was made to the workers that the record could be forwarded to their GP, as the workers were not direct employees of Yuanda the records must remain confidential and Yuanda was not supplied with a copy of the records, but

rather a file note to notify them of the workers attendance at the appointment. As the medical practice providing the medical assessments Kinnect also maintain a copy of these records.

- At the Perth Children's Hospital Project four GCS Facades personnel were directly exposed to asbestos.
- GCS Facades organised for its personnel to undergo a medical examination which was completed on the WorkSafe Health Surveillance Notification - Asbestos form. This examination was paid for by Yuanda.
- Further details about the examination may have to be directly obtained from GCS Facades.

**Question 2:**

Could Yuanda Australia about its commitment to continue to monitor the health of exposed workers throughout their lives including the nature of the monitoring committed to and any written and formal undertaking established?

**Response 2:**

- The ongoing medical assessments for relevant employees of both sites will be managed by Kinnect and they have been instructed to contact the workers and arrange the medicals every 5 years and supply invoices through Yuanda's systems for payment.