

Liberals ask about asbestos in St. Patrick's nursing home

St. John's —

In question period at the House of Assembly Thursday, Liberal Leader Yvonne Jones posed several questions about what she called an asbestos problem at St. Patrick's Mercy Home in St. John's

She said Eastern Health has known about the problem in the 214-bed nursing home since 2007.

Health Minister Ross Wiseman said he was unaware of any problem.

But he said asbestos is in many older buildings in the province and isn't dangerous unless it's disturbed through renovations.

Wiseman said when renovations are done there are procedures that need to be followed.

The minister said he would look into the matter to see if renovations are underway.