

AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION REPORT — DISABILITY — EVIDENCE LAWS

87. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Disability Services:

- (1) Is the minister aware of a recent Australian Human Rights Commission report that shows that people with disabilities who are the victims of a crime, accused of a crime or witnesses to a crime do not enjoy equality before the law?
- (2) If so, did the minister note the call for Western Australia and other states to develop a holistic, overarching response to remove the barriers that result in people with disabilities being at increased risk of being disrespected and disbelieved and of not enjoying equality before the law?
- (3) Does the minister agree that WA needs to take steps to remove these injustices; and, if not, why not?
- (4) If yes to (3), what changes is the minister recommending and when will they be made?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) Yes.
- (4) I am currently analysing the report's implications and seeking further advice.