

CRISIS ACCOMMODATION — MARGARET RIVER

32. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:

How many people from the Margaret River area have been housed in crisis accommodation since September 2013?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

Within the Busselton–Margaret River corridor, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support provides funding to Accordwest to operate Capes Accommodation, Support and Advocacy providing tenant support advocacy. The office is located in Busselton. From its office in Bunbury, Accordwest also provides a range of other accommodation and support services for people at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

The 2012–13 annual report for Accordwest advises that its accommodation services supported 553 individuals and families and its housing support service assisted 270 people in 2012–13. These figures incorporate services provided to the Bunbury, Busselton and Margaret River areas. The Department for Child Protection and Family Support does not have a crisis accommodation service in Margaret River specifically. The department is unable to provide data on the number of people housed in crisis accommodation in the Margaret River area since 2013. A new shelter for women and children escaping family and domestic violence operated by Busselton Women's Refuge Inc will commence operation in late February 2014.