

COMMISSIONER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE — 2011 MENTAL HEALTH REPORT

1089. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the Commissioner for Children and Young People's 2011 "Report of the inquiry into the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in WA", which recommends —

The State Government provide funding for the regular conduct of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research's Child Health Survey and for this survey to be conducted in Western Australia every three years.

- (1) Will the state government be providing this funding?
- (2) If yes to (1), how much will be provided, and when?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. Initially when I got this question, I thought that the answer was not acceptable. However, I did go and find out some more information about this.

- (1) The Mental Health Commission does not provide this funding, as it falls under the responsibility of the Department of Health.

The recommendation states —

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That is specific to Health. The Department of Health does that.

Hon Sally Talbot: But this is about mental health.

Hon HELEN MORTON: I am just saying to the member that her question was about whether the state government will be providing this funding. The member needs to get that information from the Department of Health. The answer continues —

- (2) Not Applicable.
- (3) The Mental Health Commission has not been asked to provide this funding.