

CHILD MIGRANTS — SEXUAL ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

194. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to question on notice No. 181 of 1996 concerning the recommendation of the Official Secretary to the United Kingdom High Commission on 14 August 1958 suggestion to the Immigration Department that other boys institutions holding child migrants be checked for the commission of sexual offences by staff, and I ask:

- (a) were any such checks made on Western Australian institutions holding child-migrant boys;
- (b) if yes to (a), which institutions were checked, on what dates, and by whom;
- (c) if yes to (a), will the Minister inform the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse of the results of those checks; and
- (d) if no to , why not?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (a) No information could be found regarding checks of Western Australian institutions holding child migrant boys for the commission of sexual offences by staff.
- (b)–(d) Not applicable.