

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — SPECIALIST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

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

- (1) What state-funded specialist mental health support services are available to women experiencing or escaping family and domestic violence in each of Manjimup, Bridgetown, Busselton, Collie and Denmark?
- (2) To date, how many staff at the women's refuges in Albany, Busselton and Bunbury have been provided with mental health first aid training?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Mental Health Commission does not currently fund specific specialist mental health support services for women experiencing or escaping family and domestic violence in these areas. Specialist mental health support services are available for all residents, including those who are experiencing or escaping family and domestic violence, based on individual needs at any given time.
- (2) The women's refuge in Albany is operated by Anglicare, which supports staff to complete a certificate IV in community service work that includes mental health units. The women's refuge in Busselton is operated by Communicare Inc, which employs a qualified mental health counsellor to train and supervise all staff regarding issues of mental health. The women's refuge in Bunbury is operated by South West Refuge Inc, which support staff to complete a certificate IV in community service work that includes mental health units.