

ABORIGINAL MALE HEALING CENTRE — NEWMAN

**239. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to the government's stated commitment to the prevention of family and domestic violence.

- (1) Is the minister aware of the Aboriginal Male's Healing Centre Strong Spirit Strong Families Strong Culture Inc?
- (2) If yes to (1), is the minister supportive of this not-for-profit association?
- (3) If yes to (2), why?
- (4) If no to (2), why not?
- (5) Further to (1), what steps is the minister taking to ensure that the AMHC can build its own live-in facility on the land it has acquired?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(5) Yes, I am aware of the work of the Aboriginal Male's Healing Centre Strong Spirit Strong Families Strong Culture Inc. AMHC is seeking support for its proposed live-in facility in Newman. Engagement with and support from Aboriginal communities is pivotal to ensure that government funding and support is directed to the services that will meet the needs and interests of their respective community. The state government is developing a 10-year strategy for reducing family and domestic violence in Western Australia, which will include a dedicated approach to Aboriginal family safety. A key aim of the Aboriginal family safety approach is to work in partnership with Aboriginal communities to identify and support local Aboriginal initiatives and organisations, such as the AMHC.