

INCIDENT INVOLVING 17-YEAR-OLD IN CARE — REVIEW

604. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the review into the assault by a 17-year-old registered sex offender in the care of the Department for Child Protection on a young disabled woman on 14 August 2010.

- (1) Is the review being conducted by an independent person; and, if yes, who is conducting the review?
- (2) What are the terms of reference of the review?
- (3) Will the review interview the mother of the young woman who was assaulted; and, if not, why not?
- (4) When will the review be completed?
- (5) Will the review, while protecting the identity of the young person who committed the assault and the identity of the victim, be made public; and, if not, why not?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

A critical incident analysis—CIA—was commissioned by the two non-government organisations directly involved in the circumstances surrounding an incident that allegedly occurred at a respite facility on 14 August 2010.

- (1) The independent CIA was undertaken by Chris Roberts, principal of CRoberts Health, on behalf of the two non-government organisations.
- (2) The non-government organisations have advised that the review had the following purposes: to attempt to demonstrate a factual matrix; to assess the presence and effectiveness of the systems and processes in place to prevent a similar incident occurring; and to enhance communication at an interagency level and to improve procedures in both organisations.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The CIA was completed on 23 August 2010.
- (5) As the CIA report was commissioned by two non-government organisations, the decision on whether the report will be released publicly is a matter for them. However, it should be noted that assurances were given to all participants in the CIA process that complete confidentiality would be maintained in respect of their responses; that the alleged incident is still before the courts; and that the mother of the young woman allegedly involved in this incident is being offered a verbal briefing on the findings of the CIA.