

SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY — REGIONAL COORDINATOR POSITIONS — SOUTH WEST

554. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Mental Health:

- (1) Has a dedicated suicide prevention regional coordinator position for the south west been appointed?
- (2) What are the reasons for the delay in filling the position?

Hon COL HOLT replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I answer on behalf of the Minister for Planning.

- (1)–(2) The Suicide Prevention 2020 strategy refers to the phasing in of suicide prevention coordinators across the state. Extensive consultation and review of evidence has been undertaken to ensure that the function of the position reflected the needs of each region and a suitable host agency is available. The first positions, including the south west, will be announced this week.