

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — SUPPORT SERVICES

879. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to two articles relating to the incidental effects of domestic violence in the home, which appear on page 6 of *The West Australian* of Monday, 27 November. The first article noted that funding of \$100 000 had been provided for foster care for pets living in homes where domestic violence has occurred. The second article referred to funding cuts that have resulted in children, traumatised as a result of domestic violence, having to wait a minimum of six months for counselling services.

- (1) What is the value of the funding that has been cut for services for traumatised children?
- (2) Given that the provision of these services is recommended by WA Police, the Family Court, child protection services, schools and other agencies, what was the rationale for the cuts?
- (3) Has the long-term impact of a six-month, or longer, wait for counselling services for these children been assessed?
- (4) What alternative services are available to assist these children?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) Young Hearts Child Counselling Service is not funded by the Department of Communities. The program is operated by Anglicare WA and is funded through philanthropic investments. The Department of Communities funds a range of services to support adults, children and young people who may have experienced family and domestic violence. In 2017–18, the Department of Communities will provide approximately \$5.6 million for the provision of family and domestic violence counselling, advocacy and support services across the state. Of this, \$1.274 million is provided for family and domestic violence services in Mandurah. In addition, the McGowan government has committed to investing an additional \$1 million over four years to Mandurah-based Allambee Counselling services to increase the provision of family and domestic violence services to the Peel community.

A list of services funded by Department of Communities to support adults, children and young people who have or may be experiencing family and domestic violence is provided for the member's information and I seek leave to have that information provided in tabular form to be incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

| Family and Domestic Violence Counselling Services | |
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| Anglicare WA Inc | Anglicare Domestic Violence Counselling Service - Albany |
| Anglicare WA Inc | Anglicare Domestic Violence Counselling Service - Karratha |
| Anglicare WA Inc | Children's Domestic Violence Counselling Service - Albany |
| Anglicare WA Inc | Domestic Violence Advocacy Support Service - Katanning |
| Centrecare Inc | Family and Domestic Violence Counselling and Education Program |
| Centrecare Inc | Goldfields Family and Domestic Violence Counselling and Support Service |
| Community Focus National Limited | Kalumburu Family Safety and Youth Service |
| Desert Blue Connect Inc | Relationships and Family Violence Counselling and Advocacy Service |
| Eastern Region Domestic Violence Services Network Inc | Koolkuna Domestic Violence Advocacy Service |
| Mission Australia | Meekatharra Family and Domestic Violence Service |
| Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council Aboriginal Corporation | Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (NPY) Women's Council Domestic Violence Service |
| Nintirri Centre Inc | Karijini Family Violence and Prevention Service |
| One Tree Community Services Inc | Laverton Crisis Intervention Service |
| Pat Thomas House Inc | Peel Domestic Violence Advocacy and Support Service |
| Patricia Giles Centre Inc | Patricia Giles Counselling Centre - Incorporating Services for Women and Children |

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| Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc | Domestic Violence Advocacy and Victim Support Service |
| Relationships Australia (Western Australia) Inc | Family Abuse Integrated Response - FAIR |
| Share & Care Community Services Group Incorporated | Share and Care Outreach Support and Counselling Service |
| South Coastal Women's Health Services Association (Inc) | Family Abuse Advocacy Support Team - FAAST |
| Starick Services Inc | The Centre for Community |
| Waratah Support Centre (South West Region) Inc | Waratah Children's Domestic Violence Counselling Service |
| Women's Health Care Association Inc | Domestic Violence Advocacy Support [DVAS] Central |
