

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES — FUNDING

1100. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to my question on notice No. 513, and the document tabled by the Minister showing the breakdown of joint State/Commonwealth funded homelessness services, and I ask:

- (a) can the Minister please advise if all of the services listed in the tabled document accept transgender clients;
- (b) if no to (a), which services do not accept transgender clients; and
- (c) if any of the services do not accept transgender clients, on what basis does the Government allow them to discriminate?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) All specialist homelessness services funded by the Department of Communities (Communities) are contracted to provide services appropriate and accessible to all Western Australians, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, people with disability and people with diverse sexuality and gender identity.

Should Communities be made aware of a situation where a service provider discriminates on the basis of culture, race, disability or sexuality, Communities will follow up with the relevant service provider to address and resolve the issue.

- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.