

HOMELESSNESS SERVICES

816. Hon ALISON XAMON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to state government funding of homelessness services, in particular short-term accommodation facilities.

- (1) Is there a requirement within existing procurement processes stipulating that services must not turn people away on the basis of their sexual orientation?
- (2) If no to (1), will the government consider including this as a requirement in future procurement processes?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) All organisations contracted by the Department of Communities are required to provide services appropriate and accessible to all Western Australians. No person should be denied a service on the basis of culture, race, disability, sexuality or inability to pay for the service.
- (2)–(3) Not applicable.