

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — REFUGES

**514. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to the government's budget allocation of \$2.5 million funding in 2018–19 for family and domestic violence refuges.

- (1) Who will own the refuges?
- (2) Who will operate the refuges?
- (3) How will the operating of the refuges be funded?
- (4) Who conducted the analysis that led to the decision to select the Peel and south metropolitan regions for the refuges?
- (5) Further to (4), will the minister table that analysis?
- (6) Given that the minister has never attended a meeting or briefing about the establishment of these refuges, who decided on the location of these refuges?
- (7) Further to (6), was that decision recorded in writing; and, if so, will the minister table it?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The refuges will be owned by the Department of Communities—Housing.
- (2) An open tender process will be undertaken to select a community sector organisation to operate each refuge.
- (3) The Expenditure Review Committee approved funding for the establishment and operation of the refuges.
- (4) The Peel refuge was an election commitment under WA Labor's "Plan for Peel". The Department of Communities recommended the south metropolitan region based on domestic violence incidents responded to by the WA Police Force, capacity and demand on existing services, and the opportunity to strengthen the integrated service system response.
- (5) Yes, if requested.
- (6) The exact location of each refuge within the preferred regions has yet to be decided.
- (7) Not applicable.