

POLICE — YOUTH ENGAGEMENT SERVICE

1310. Ms J.M. Freeman to the Minister for Police:

Further to the announcement that the Youth Engagement Service (YES), currently operating in Mirrabooka, will be funded by National Crime Prevention to operate in the South East Metro Corridor:

- (a) will the current three qualified social workers employed on establishing the Community Care Unit in October 2012 continue to work with prolific and priority offender youth in the Mirrabooka region:
 - (i) if yes to (a), for how long; and
 - (ii) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) will the three qualified social workers Youth Engagement Service Team members working with prolific and priority offender youth in the Mirrabooka region receive ongoing funding when the current Mirrabooka pilot funding ceases in October 2013;
- (c) if no to (b), how does the Western Australian Police Service intend to ensure the West Metropolitan Youth Liaison Officer can ensure that prolific and priority offender youths in the West Metropolitan region have ongoing one to one case management;
- (d) since establishing the Mirrabooka program in October 2012, have over 29 prolific and priority offenders have been referred to the Community Care Unit (now known as the YES), and if not, how many; and
- (e) since establishing the Mirrabooka program in October 2012 has there been a successful outcome which has seen a significant drop in reoffending and clients maintaining their community orders throughout the program?

Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:

- (a)–(b) These questions are not within the jurisdiction of Western Australia Police. The Community Care Unit at Mirrabooka is managed by the Police and Community Youth Centres (PCYC).
- (c) WA Police has relationships with a number of service providers in the West Metropolitan District which deal with prolific and priority young offenders.
- (d) 30 prolific and priority offenders have been referred to the PCYC Community Care Unit in Mirrabooka by the West Metropolitan Youth Liaison Officer.
- (e) The West Metropolitan Youth Liaison Officer has engaged 75% of identified youth PPO through the Youth Engagement Service program. There has been a 74% reduction in offending by these youth.