

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

354. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the minister's response to question without notice 66 on 20 February 2019, in which the minister reported that for cases of young people who are sex offenders attending school, "assessments are based on what is best for the school community and the individual young people".

- (1) Is the minister aware that the multi-agency protocols for education options for young people charged with harmful sexual behaviours state that there is no actual predictor tool to assess young people and their risk of reoffending?
- (2) What set of criteria is used to determine whether allowing a sex offender to remain at school is in the best interests of that school community?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) As outlined in the multi-agency protocol, the decision regarding whether a young person charged with harmful sexual behaviours returns to school is the responsibility of the Department of Education. The Department of Communities supports all agencies subject to this protocol and provides information and advice to inform any decisions.