

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

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

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 225 on 10 April 2018 in which she informed the house that the minister has asked the department whether any of the 184 victims of child sex offences in Roebourne are residing with a person either charged or convicted with one or more child sex offences.

- (1) When did this occur?
- (2) Who did the minister ask?
- (3) Who was present when the minister asked this question?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) On 6 November 2017, the minister's office referred the specific question to the department's office of the director general for advice on responding to Legislative Council question on notice 486. Since being appointed, the Minister for Child Protection has received regular updates regarding Operation Fledermaus from the director general and the assistant director general, child protection and family support. These updates have included information regarding the children affected by these offences.

Promoting the safety and wellbeing of all Western Australians, particularly vulnerable children and families, is a whole-of-community responsibility and all Western Australians, including members of Parliament, must share this responsibility. Should the honourable member have any information about any child or children who may be at risk of harm, I trust he will take appropriate action to report these concerns to the Department of Communities and/or Western Australia Police Force.