

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE — SENTENCING FLEXIBILITY — ABORIGINAL PEOPLE

2273. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Western Australian State Budget 2019–20, page 368, Significant Issues Impacting the Agency, 1., and I ask:

- (a) (a) how does the Government intend to increase “sentencing flexibility”; and
- (b) (b) when is it anticipated these changes will be introduced?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The Government will pilot a court intervention program at the Perth Magistrates Court that will use conditional bail as a mechanism for diverting low level offenders to community based treatment and support, where safe and appropriate to do so.
- (b) The pilot is due to commence in August 2020 and will be fully evaluated after three years.