

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

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

I refer to the Leader of the House's answer to my question without notice 338 asked on 10 May 2018 in which she informed the house that the Minister for Child Protection continues to get regular updates from the department to assure herself that adequate safeguards are in place for vulnerable children in Roebourne and surrounding areas.

How many of the 184 victims of child sex offences in Roebourne are currently residing with a person either charged with or convicted of one or more child sex offences?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

The minister has received seven questions in the Legislative Council and a grievance and several questions in the Legislative Assembly on this matter and her response remains consistent. As stated in previous answers, the minister continues to get regular updates from the Department of Communities to assure herself that adequate safeguards are in place for vulnerable children in Roebourne and surrounding areas. The minister is satisfied that the Department of Communities continues to undertake the necessary actions to protect and support children and families in Roebourne. As the minister previously advised, the priority is to maintain the safety of the children and young people in Roebourne and surrounding areas. The minister has offered the honourable member a briefing regarding the West Pilbara plan, which he is yet to accept.

Should the honourable member have any —

Hon Nick Goiran interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon SUE ELLERY: Because you actually want the answer to your questions.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Leader of the House, just stop. Hon Nick Goiran, please let the minister provide that response to you.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Thank you, Madam President.

Should the honourable member have any information about any child or children who may be at risk of harm, the minister would ask him to take appropriate action to report these concerns to the Department of Communities and/or the Western Australia Police Force.

It is a perfectly reasonable response.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! The only people slowing down question time are the two who are interjecting.

Sadly, Hon Jacqui Boydell, it always seems to happen by the time we get to you. I now give Hon Jacqui Boydell the call and I know that people will listen to her question.