

POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRE COMMUNITY CARE UNIT

849. Ms J.M. FREEMAN to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. The government funded the police and community youth centres program through crime prevention funding. The government funded it for only 12 months, but it was a great success. Why will the government not continue that funding? The government's funding established the program, which saw a reduction, and it is the government's funding that could continue the great work.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

We funded the PCYC more than \$10 million. I will talk —
Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Mirrabooka!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I would like to answer the question. It would work better if the member for Mirrabooka listens to the answer before she starts to criticise it.

I will communicate with the PCYC federation to find out its plans for the program in the future. I do not control the programs that the PCYC runs in the community. While we may provide funding through various different sources, I do not control what the PCYC does with that money. I will speak to the PCYC about the program. My commitment is to the Browne review recommendation that we recruit 30 additional youth liaison officers to work with youth at risk. I will find out what the program delivery will be in Mirrabooka from Western Australia Police to ensure that that service delivery continues.