

SOCIAL WORKERS — WEST METROPOLITAN POLICE YOUTH LIAISON OFFICE

763. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the employment of three qualified social workers working with the west metropolitan police youth liaison office via a 12-month grant from the strategic crime prevention division, with the grant due to cease today.

- (1) Will the three current social workers employed on establishing the community care unit in October 2012 continue to be funded to work with prolific and priority offender youth in the Mirrabooka region; and, if not, why not, given the success of the program?
- (2) If yes to (1), for how long?
- (3) If no to (1), how does the WA Police service intend to ensure that the west metropolitan youth liaison office can ensure that prolific and priority offender youth in the west metropolitan region have ongoing one-to-one case management?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

On behalf of the Attorney General, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) These questions are not within the jurisdiction of Western Australia Police. The community care unit at Mirrabooka is managed by the police and community youth centres.
- (3) The west metropolitan youth liaison office will continue to work with service providers within the west metropolitan district who deal with prolific and priority offender youths to deliver services.