

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — MATILDA GARD SERVICES

**209. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to question without notice 26 asked on 13 February 2019, in which the minister encouraged Matilda Gard Services to have discussions with the Department of Communities about its plans for the provision of ongoing services.

- (1) Is the minister aware that Matilda Gard, a place of refuge for women and children within the community, has now contacted the minister's department?
- (2) Is the minister aware that despite being recognised by her department as "a referral pathway for women experiencing FDV who are transitioning from a crisis into midterm transitional housing", the department will not provide Matilda Gard Services with any funding?
- (3) What steps is the minister currently taking to make sure this facility in Guildford does not close down?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Yes. The department will not provide Matilda Gard Services with funding.
- (3) There is no contracting relationship between the Department of Communities and Matilda Gard Services. Communities has provided Casson Homes Incorporated with information on the development of the 10-year Strategy for Family and Domestic Violence, and encouraged Casson Homes Incorporated to participate in consultations to ensure its input is considered in developing the strategy.