

PAEDOPHILE — CHILDCARE CENTRE — NORTH FREMANTLE

707. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Minister for Education:

I refer to the answer the minister gave the house yesterday that he became aware only yesterday morning that a convicted paedophile was living close to a childcare facility in North Fremantle. Given the report on *The West Australian* online by Tim Clarke on Monday this week that media queries about Ryan Clegg's living arrangements were put to the minister's office last week, that the Premier told the Assembly yesterday that he was aware on Friday that there was a sex offender living in a residential area close to a school and that media queries were made to the government media office on Friday about this issue, does the minister stand by the answer he gave yesterday?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for this question. Yes, I resolutely stand by my answer. The first I heard about it was yesterday in the media. This morning, I was informed that a media inquiry had come to my office on Friday afternoon. That media inquiry was forwarded to the Minister for Police. I knew nothing about it. The first I heard about it was yesterday. I stand by exactly what I said in question time yesterday.