

LEGAL CONTRIBUTION TRUST — FUNDING

**948. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Attorney General:**

I refer to the shortfall of Legal Contribution Trust funding for 2016–17.

- (1) Has the Attorney General approved the allocation of additional funds to address this shortfall for 2016–17?
- (2) Where has this funding come from within the department?
- (3) Is this funding allocation only for the 2016–17 financial year?
- (4) What will happen to the funding for these projects on 1 July 2017?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

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

- (1) Yes, for community legal centres undertaking projects that provide services to victims.
- (2) The confiscation proceeds account.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) The Legal Aid Commission is looking at options to provide for the continuation of funding from 1 July 2017, if there continues to be a shortfall of funding from the Legal Contribution Trust fund.