

CHILDREN — SELF-HARM RATES

528. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I understand that obtaining some of this information can be difficult, but that also highlights part of the problems and weaknesses with child protection.

- (1) Does the government have any statistics on the rate of self-harm among children in Western Australia?
- (2) Does the government have any statistics on the rate of self-harm in children who have been involved in custody disputes in the Family Court of Western Australia; and, if so, what are the figures?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I note that the honourable member added a preamble to the question that was submitted. I make the point that when the member puts a question on notice—gives some notice—the answer cannot address something added when the member stands up and reads it in the house. I understand the member's point of view but I cannot respond to that in an answer I am giving on behalf of another minister if the member has not submitted those words.

I advise that I had a conversation with the member behind the Chair. I was provided with an answer, but I was not satisfied with all the information in the answer, so I give him an undertaking that I will pursue an answer and, hopefully, I can give it to the member tomorrow.

Hon Nick Goiran: Tomorrow! That's favouritism.

Hon SUE ELLERY: Yes; it is.

The PRESIDENT: Hon Aaron Stonehouse, you have the call; nobody else has.