

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

**5. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the answer on 5 December 2017 to my question on notice 486, which was asked on 1 November 2017 about the 184 victims of child sex offences in Roebourne.

- (1) Has the minister received a briefing about this matter since 5 December 2017?
- (2) If yes, can the minister now confirm that none of the 184 victims are currently residing with a person either charged or convicted with one or more child sex offences?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) Yes, the minister is receiving regular updates about Roebourne.
- (2) The minister is satisfied that the Department of Communities continues to undertake the necessary actions to appropriately protect and support children and families in Roebourne. This is a complex situation and involves detailed and ongoing assessments. As information is received, the Department of Communities will always assess it to make determinations on the appropriate action that needs to be undertaken. Should a circumstance arise in which there were concerns about a child or children living with a particular individual or individuals, action will be taken to assess the safety of children in these circumstances and appropriate protective action will be taken.