

JUVENILE OFFENDING — TARGET 120

296. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the minister's answer to question without notice 274, asked yesterday.

- (1) What specific measurable data is the minister's department collecting on Target 120?
- (2) What analytic methods will be used to analyse this data to assess its efficacy?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Communities is collecting data from —
 - (a) questionnaires and instruments distributed by the Department of Communities' community youth officers to service providers, young people and families;
 - (b) data sharing between participating government and non-government agencies;
 - (c) online qualitative surveys of local interagency group members, which comprise participating state government agencies; and
 - (d) interviews with young people and families as part of their individual case plan reviews.
- (2) Data analysis will involve a combination of statistical and qualitative techniques including descriptive statistics, inferential statistics, economic analysis and thematic analysis. This analysis will be supported by a linked administrative database, the social investment data resource, which is being developed by the Department of Treasury and will incorporate key data from the Western Australia Police Force, the Mental Health Commission, and the Departments of Communities, Education, Health and Justice.