

LEGAL AFFAIRS — BAIL SUPPORT PROGRAM

2272. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Western Australian State Budget page 367, Spending Changes, New Initiatives, first line item, ‘Bail Support Program’, and ask:

- (a) (a) would the Minister please provide some information about this program including:
 - (i) where the program will be located;
 - (ii) who will be funded to run the program;
 - (iii) any performance indicators or outcomes measures;
 - (iv) how many people it is anticipated the program will support annually; and
 - (v) how people will be referred to the program (including any eligibility requirements)?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) (i) The Bail Support Program will be located at the Magistrates Court at Perth and at a court in the Kimberley region.
- (ii) Legal Aid Western Australia and the Aboriginal Legal Service of Western Australia.
- (iii) A detailed monitoring and evaluation framework will be developed as part of project implementation.
- (iv) It is anticipated that the Bail Support Program will assist approximately 880 people annually.
- (v) People will be referred to the program by duty lawyers and, where appropriate, magistrates, and will be screened and assessed by bail assessment officers to determine their suitability and type or level of support required.