

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

2302. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

I refer to services for men, including young men aged under 18 years, who access child pornography or who otherwise are considered to be at risk of sexual offending against children, and I ask:

- (a) (a) does the department fund any services or programs for this cohort;
- (b) (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) (c) if yes to (a), would the Minister please advise:
 - (i) the nature of any services/programs offered; and
 - (ii) who provides these services;
- (d) (d) how many people accessed these programs/services in:
 - (i) 2016–17;
 - (ii) 2017–18; and
 - (iii) 2018–19; and
- (e) (e) how much funding was allocated to these programs/services in:
 - (i) 2016–17;
 - (ii) 2017–18;
 - (iii) 2018–19; and
 - (iv) 2019–20?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

(a) The Department of Communities (Communities) contracts community service organisations to provide Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Services and Indigenous Healing Services to children and young people under the age of 18 who are responsible for, or at risk of, sexually abusing other children; and are assisted to accept responsibility for their behaviour and develop knowledge and skills to stop abuse occurring.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) (i) Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Services provide healing, support, counselling and therapeutic responses to children and young people and their families affected by child sexual abuse, people who have experienced childhood sexual abuse and children and/or young people who are responsible for, or at risk of, sexually abusing other children. In addition, Indigenous Healing Services provide services to children, young people and families/caregivers who are witness to violence or at risk of being violent to others.

These services assist children and young people to recover from harmful impacts of child sexual abuse and assist families and communities to support children and young people in the healing process.

(ii) The following community service organisations are contracted by Communities to provide Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Services and Indigenous Healing Services:

Organisation	Service location
Allambee Counselling	Peel
Anglicare WA	Great Southern, Perth Metropolitan, West Kimberley
Carnarvon Family Support Service	Murchison
Centrecare Inc	Goldfields
Desert Blue Connect Inc	Murchison
Phoenix Support & Advocacy Service	Perth Metropolitan
Parkerville Children and Youth Care Incorporated	Perth Metropolitan, Wheatbelt
UnitingCare West	Perth Metropolitan

Waratah Support Centre (South West Region) Inc	South West
Yaandina Family Centre Inc	Pilbara
Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation	Perth Metropolitan
MacKillop Family Services Inc	Pilbara

- (d) According to six monthly progress reports submitted by contracted service providers, the total number of clients accessing Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Services and Indigenous Healing Services are as follows:

	Financial years	Number of people accessing the programs*
(i)	2016–17	2,417
(ii)	2017–18	2,473
(iii)	2018–19 (as at Dec 2018)	1,001

* These figures represent all clients accessing the services, as outlined in (c)(i).

- (e) The total annual funding provided to the 15 contracted services is as follows:

	Financial years	Funding provided
(i)	2016–17	\$4,953,579
(ii)	2017–18	\$4,991,376
(iii)	2018–19	\$5,032,804
(iv)	2019–20	\$5,032,804