

REGIONAL MEN'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAM

**383. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to the recent announcement regarding the expansion of the regional men's health and wellbeing program.

- (1) What consultation was done with existing men's resource groups in regional Western Australia prior to that announcement?
- (2) Was a business plan developed for the program; and, if so, whom was it done by?
- (3) Which towns in regional WA will the expanded program deliver support and counselling services to?
- (4) How is funding for the program to be allocated for the delivery of these services?

**Hon WENDY DUNCAN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) As part of the process of developing this project, the services provided by other men's resource groups were researched and considered by the Department of Regional Development and Lands, in close consultation with Wheatbelt Men's Health, the Department of Agriculture and Food of Western Australia, the Western Australian Country Health Service and a number of existing men's resource groups.
- (2) A business case was developed by Wheatbelt Men's Health in consultation with RDL, the WA Country Health Service and the nine regional development commissions, as well as DAFWA.
- (3) The expanded program will be available in all towns in regional Western Australia.
- (4) DAFWA will distribute the funds to Wheatbelt Men's Health in accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Department of Regional Development and Lands. DAFWA will have a specific financial assistance agreement with Wheatbelt Men's Health to govern the allocation of these funds.