

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — SPECIALIST SERVICES

**340. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to the Generation Next conference held on 2 June 2017, at which it was stated that domestic and family violence against women is the largest driver of homelessness for women.

- (1) What specialist services are available to those escaping family and domestic violence?
- (2) Further to (1), what consultation mechanisms are in place between the Minister for Housing and the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence regarding these specialist services?
- (3) What record keeping is in place to identify the number of women and children accessing homelessness services due to family and domestic violence?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The Department for Child Protection and Family Support provides approximately \$36 million per annum for services to support women and children escaping family and domestic violence for accommodation and support services, outreach services and counselling and advocacy services.
- (2) Currently the homelessness accommodation interagency meetings provide a platform to discuss and coordinate the operational implementation of the government's homelessness policy, including family and domestic violence programs and projects. The Western Australian Council on Homelessness is an advisory council that reports to the Minister for Housing on homelessness-related matters.
- (3) The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare maintains a secure website entitled "Specialist Homelessness Online Reporting", where specialist homelessness services collection data is submitted by agencies.