

CHANGING TRACKS PROGRAM

127. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

I refer to the Changing Tracks program based in Albany.

- (1) Will the minister give an assurance that there will be no funding cut to this program?
- (2) Will measures be put in place to ensure the mandating of perpetrators by the local magistrate as occurs in Perth and other regional areas?
- (3) Does the minister recognise the ongoing community service that this group provides, even without mandating men, and decreasing referrals from the local magistrate?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

I thank the honourable member for notice of the question.

- (1) The Department of Corrective Services has assured Anglicare that there will be no cuts to funding under this current agreement.
- (2) This question should be referred to the Attorney General.
- (3) The minister is aware of the level of support that this service provides the greater Albany community. In addition, the department has been working closely with Anglicare to ensure there is flexibility in the agreement to allow for wider community support through provision of this service.