

INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — COMMONWEALTH REDRESS SCHEME

172. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

- (1) I refer to the establishment of a Commonwealth Redress Scheme for survivors of institutional child sexual abuse, and I ask:
- (a) does the Western Australian Government support the establishment of a national scheme;
  - (b) if no to (a), why not;
  - (c) if yes to (a), does the Government intend Western Australia to officially opt-in to the Commonwealth Scheme; and
  - (d) if no to (c), why not?
- (2) I refer to the *Redress and Civil Litigation Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse*, and I ask:
- (a) is the State Government currently funding any organisations to meet the ongoing needs of abuse survivors; and
  - (b) if yes to (a), please advise:
    - (i) the name of the organisations being funded;
    - (ii) the amount of annual funding provided to each organisation; and
    - (iii) the services each organisation is being funded to provide?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (1) (a)–(d) In November 2016, the Commonwealth Government announced it would establish a redress scheme by July 2018 for survivors of child sexual abuse (who were abused in Commonwealth institutions), with States, Territories and non-government institutions able to participate by ‘opting-in’.
- Since the redress scheme was announced, Western Australia has been cooperatively engaging with the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions on a ‘without prejudice basis’ on the development of the scheme.
- To date, no jurisdiction or non-government institution has opted in to the Scheme.
- Key issues are currently being considered by the Government to allow for an informed decision regarding opting in to the Commonwealth Scheme.
- (2) (a)–(b) The Department of Communities funds the following services to provide support and counselling to child sexual abuse survivors.

Service Provider	Service	Annual Funding 2017–18
Allambee Counselling Inc	Peel Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Service	\$214,671
Anglicare WA Inc	Indigenous Child Sexual Abuse Response Service – Marooloo	\$240,177
Anglicare WA Inc	Child Sexual Abuse Therapy Service – Perth	\$464,943
Anglicare WA Inc	Anglicare Great Southern Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Service	\$214,671
Carnarvon Family Support Service Inc	Carnarvon Sexual Assault Response Service	\$229,550
Centrecare Inc	Goldfields Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Service	\$229,550
Desert Blue Connect Inc	Child Sexual Assault Counselling Service	\$214,671
Phoenix Support & Advocacy Service Inc	Child Sexual Abuse Treatment Service (Perth Metropolitan Service)	\$371,954
Parkerville Children and Youth Care Incorporated	Therapeutic Family Service (Wheatbelt Region)	\$214,671
Parkerville Children and Youth Care Incorporated	Parent’s and Children’s Therapeutic Service	\$92,989

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UnitingCare West	UnitingCare West Child and Family Therapeutic Service	\$743,909
Waratah Support Centre (South West Region) Inc	Waratah Child Sexual Abuse Therapeutic Service	\$322,007
Yaandina Family Centre Inc	Yaandina Child and Family Counselling Service	\$240,177
Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation	Yorgum Healing Service	\$759,844
Wirraka Maya Health Service Aboriginal Corporation	Indigenous Healing Service	\$399,798

The Department of Communities also funds the following two services to provide support and counselling to former child migrants dealing with childhood abuse suffered in institutional care.

<b>Service Provider</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Annual Funding 2017–18</b>
Child Migrants Trust Inc	Child Migrants Trust Perth	\$116,215
Forgotten Australians Coming Together Inc	Tuart Place	\$330,000