

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

382. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the incomplete and evasive answers from the Minister for Child Protection to my questions about the 184 victims of child sex offences in Roebourne.

- (1) Has the Premier ever discussed the plight of the 184 victims with the Minister for Child Protection?
- (2) If yes, does the Premier know whether any of the 184 victims are currently residing with a person either charged or convicted with one or more child sex offences?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) Yes. This is why the McGowan Labor government has developed the West Pilbara Plan, led by the Minister for Child Protection, which is a long-term, whole-of-government plan to address the shocking situation. As I understand it, the honourable member has been repeatedly offered a briefing on the plan, which he is yet to accept.

Should the honourable member have any information about any child or children who may be at risk of harm, the Premier would ask him to take the appropriate action to report these concerns to the Department of Communities and/or the Western Australia Police Force.