

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FORUM

1350. Hon Donna Faragher to the minister representing the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to the Supporting Communities Forum Terms of Reference 2020–2021, which states ‘Specific policy topics, to be identified by the Minister for Community Services at the commencement of each two-year term of the Forum...’ and I ask, will the Minister list all policy topics identified since the commencement of the Supporting Communities Forum in 2017, which includes the time each topic was considered by the Forum?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

Priorities of the Forum from December 2017 to December 2019 were:

- Government procurement processes of community services;
- State Homelessness Strategy;
- Data sharing and linkage;
- The outcomes framework for community services in Western Australia;
- The biennial ‘Our Communities’ Report;
- Communicating the Forums work; and
- Opportunities for collaboration both with Government and with the sector.

The Forum was temporarily suspended due to COVID-19 from March 2020 to August 2020. From August 2020 onwards, the Forum advised on social and economic recovery efforts. Priorities of the Forum from August 2021 to December 2022 were:

- Implementation of the 10-year Strategy on Homelessness;
- Monitoring the further develop and implementation of the State’s Community Services Outcomes Measurement Framework;
- Building capacity and capability to implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations; and
- Roll-out of COVID-19 Vaccinations to Vulnerable People and the Community Services Sector Workforce.

The current priorities of the Forum are:

- National Principles for Child Safe Organisations; and
- State Commissioning Strategy.