

WA STATE SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY

624. Hon SUE ELLERY to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health:

I refer to the WA State Suicide Prevention Strategy 2009-2013, launched last year.

- (1) Have either of the following appointments been made; and, if yes, who was appointed to each position —
 - (a) network coordinator; and
 - (b) strategy agency coordinator?
- (2) How many, if any, community coordinators have been appointed, and which communities do they represent?
- (3) If no appointments have been made, when is it expected that these appointments will be made?
- (4) Have any of the community action plans been established; and, if so, in which communities?
- (5) If no to (4), when will the community action plans be operational?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I present this answer on behalf of the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Mental Health, and I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)
 - (a) Yes, a network coordinator has been appointed.
 - (b) Yes, a strategy agency coordinator has been appointed.

I note that the Leader of the Opposition has asked for the names of those two people. I am informed by the minister's office that he is reluctant to provide the names of those people. They are not public servants—they are members of non-government organisations—and out of respect for their privacy would prefer that their names not be revealed on the public record. But, if the honourable member wishes to be briefed as to who those persons are, the minister is happy to do so.

- (2) One community coordinator has been appointed. A public communication strategy is being finalised.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) No.
- (5) The Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention, through Centrecare, is currently engaged with seven different communities, and community action plans will be developed and approved in the coming months.