

EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE



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Dear Minister

Consideration of recommendation to provide safe houses in Kimberley towns

The Committee wishes to ascertain if there has been any further consideration in relation to a recommendation made in a report tabled by the Education and Health Standing Committee of the 38th Parliament in March 2011.

Recommendation No. 28 in Report No. 8, *Alcohol Restrictions in The Kimberley: A 'Window Of Opportunity' for Improved Health, Education, Housing And Employment*, reads:

In the 2011-12 State Budget, the Minister for Child Protection provide the Department for Child Protection with funding to construct/maintain and staff a 'safe house' for children at risk in the larger Kimberley towns of Broome, Derby, Halls Creek, Fitzroy Crossing, Wyndham and Kununurra.

The recommendation was not supported in the government response. However, anecdotal evidence from Kimberley communities suggests there may be a need for such facilities. We would be grateful if your office could provide any information in regard to the recommendation to the Principal Research Officer, Dr Sarah Palmer, by 2 February 2018.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.M. Freeman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MS J.M. FREEMAN, MLA
CHAIR

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