

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

3237. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Health

I refer the Minister to *The West Australian* of 10 August 2004 and the article titled 'Mental health chaos: doctors' and ask -

- (a) what services are available for children and adolescents in the northern suburbs, north of Beach Road;
- (b) is the Minister aware that research by 'Young Minds' in the UK has found that an estimated 10% of children have some sort of mental disorder; and
- (c) what are the current guidelines for children and adolescents to access mental health services?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

- (a) The Hillarys, Warwick and Clarkson Child and Adolescent Mental Health Centres all provide services to children and adolescents north of Beach Road in the northern suburbs.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) The guidelines for access to mental health services for children and adolescents are outlined in the Department of Health policy titled, "Infancy to Young Adulthood: A Mental Health Policy for Western Australia".