

THERAPEUTIC SERVICES FOR MEN

Petition

MR R.C. KUCERA (Yokine - Minister for Disability Services) [4.04 pm]: I have a petition signed by 70 petitioners, which reads as follows -

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say

There are no:

- Therapeutic services specifically for men who use violence; and
- Therapeutic residential services for men who use violence.

In the Mirrabooka and surrounding suburbs.

It is our belief that men's therapeutic and therapeutic residential services are imperative to the safety of women and children and help stop the cycle of domestic violence.

The number of family violence incidents the **Mirrabooka Police** Service has attended in the first quarter of this year has averaged **7 incidents a day** (W.A. Police Service). Research shows that the number of *reported* family violence incidents is just the tip of the iceberg in understanding the extent of family violence in our community.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly

For the establishment of:

- Therapeutic services for men who use violence, and
- Therapeutic residential services for men who use violence

in the Mirrabooka and surrounding suburbs.

[See petition 61.]