

YOUNG OFFENDERS' SCHEME — EXPANSION TO KIMBERLEY

6429. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Employment Protection representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to a recent media statement from the Minister for Corrective Services dated, Monday 5 May 2008, entitled 'New Scheme for Young Offenders in the Goldfields', and the Minister's response to question without notice No. 1455, and I ask —

- (1) When will the Kimberley Response Task Force report its recommendations on sentencing options, diversionary programs for youth and supervision of juveniles?
- (2) Is the Government planning to expand the Youth Regional Justice Services, similar to those in the Goldfields and Geraldton, to the Kimberley?
- (3) If yes to (2), when will they be operational?
- (4) If no to (2), when does the Minister expect young offender strategies will be introduced in the Kimberley?

Hon JON FORD replied:

- (1) I am not sure what entity the Member is referring to in relation to a 'Kimberley Response Taskforce' and as such am unable to answer the question.
- (2) Once the Geraldton RYJS and Goldfields RYJS have been evaluated after a period of operation, then it is the intention if that evaluation is favourable to expand the service to other regional areas.
- (3) Not applicable
- (4) Not applicable