

CHANGING TRACKS PROGRAM

193. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Changing Tracks program based in Albany. Will measures be put in place to ensure that local magistrates are required to refer perpetrators to the program, as happens in Perth and in other regional areas?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question. The Attorney General advises that magistrates are independent judicial officers and deal with matters on a case-by-case basis and on the information and advice that is provided to them by officers of the court, such as officers from the Department of Corrective Services.