

FAMILY STRENGTH PROGRAMS, NORTH WEST

468. Mr L. Graham to the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth

I refer to the announcement of September 2001 regarding the Government's Family Strength program and ask: -

- (a) how much of the proposed \$10 million is to be spent on programs in the North West of the State;
- (b) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (c) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (d) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

- (a)&(b) The Men's Resource Service provides resources to services to meet the needs of men. This is a statewide service and will include a satellite service located in the North West. The service is funded for \$662,000 over four years. Two Practical In Home Support Services for Aboriginal Families will each receive funding of \$150,000 per annum for four years. One service will be in the North of the state and one in the metropolitan area. I hope to announce locations in the near future.
- (c) The Men's Resource Service funds will be administered by Meerilinga Young Children's Foundation and Relationships Australia. The Practical In Home Support Services will be provided by the non government sector.
- (d) The contract for the Men's Resource Service has been awarded but the service is not yet operational. It is planned that the Practical In Home Support Services will be operational by March 2003.