

YOUTH, COMMUNITY FORUMS AND CONSULTATIONS

266. Ms ANWYL to the Minister for Family and Children's Services:

I refer to the statewide consultation and young peoples forums being held and ask -

- (a) where are the year 10 students involved in the 15 small focus groups at school;
- (b) will the minister detail the nature of the mini-interviews with individual young people aged between 12 and 17 years conducted via Kids Helpline;
- (c) which other small discussions will be held and where; and
- (d) are results of these surveys available to me?

Mrs van de KLASHORST replied:

- (a) Busselton Senior High School and Collie Senior High School.
- (b) For a limited period young people from WA calling the Kids Helpline who were assessed not to require counselling were invited to respond to a series of questions covering the same topics as the community forums and special consultations with young people. The questions had been modified to suit young people's perspective and language.
- (c) The consultation phase of the development of the five year plan has concluded and no further special community forums are currently planned. However, two young people have recently been appointed to the Family and Children's Advisory Council. It is likely that in future the council will be consulting in a less structured way with young people through their links with youth advisory councils.
- (d) The results of the statewide consultation with families and children, including the discussions with young people, are contained in the summary report: *Listening to Families and Children in the New Millennium*. A copy of the summary report was sent to every member of Parliament on 26 May 2000. However additional copies are available from the Family and Children's Policy Office or through their website at www.familyone.wa.gov.au.