

IGNITE BASKETBALL PROGRAM — FUNDING

400. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Is the minister aware that the Ignite Basketball program in Armadale, which in recent months has engaged with more than 100 children in the care of her department, has not been able to obtain funding to continue operating?
- (2) What will the minister do to ensure that this highly successful intervention program for young people engaged or at risk of engaging in antisocial and criminal behaviour continues to operate?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) Yes. The City of Armadale on behalf of Ignite wrote to my office in June 2013 and this correspondence was referred to the Department for Communities for a response. This program was previously funded from the federal government's proceeds of crime funding.
- (2) The Department for Child Protection and Family Support provides funding of \$4.4 million per year for youth services in Western Australia, including \$196 426 in the south east metropolitan area.