

KIDS HELPLINE, FUNDING

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

I refer to the Kids Helpline and ask -

- (a) what State Government assistance is provided to this service;
- (b) are you aware that a number of calls are unanswered due to lack of resources at Kids Helpline; and
- (c) are there any plans to allocate or increase the amount of funding made available to Kids Helpline in the next financial year?

Mrs van de KLASHORST replied:

- (a) Nil.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) There was some discussion on the Kids Help Line at the Community Services Ministers Conference on 26 July 2000. Ministers noted the work undertaken by the Kids Help Line and each jurisdiction agreed to give consideration to supporting this valuable service. At this stage the Kids Help Line has not approached the State Government for funding.