

SHALOM HOUSE — PLANNING COMMISSION ADVICE

151. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Planning:

I refer to a statement by the City of Joondalup —

The City of Joondalup has been told by a representative of Shalom House that the WA Planning Commission has advised that Shalom House does not require approval under the Metropolitan Region Scheme to commence operations at 252–254 Camberwarra Drive, Craigie ...

- (1) Has the Western Australian Planning Commission provided advice to Shalom House that it does not require approval?
- (2) When was that advice provided, and on what basis?
- (3) Will the minister please table that advice?
- (4) Has the WAPC provided advice to Shalom House on any other properties?
- (5) Has the member for Hillarys corresponded with the minister and/or the WAPC on the operations at 252–254 Camberwarra Drive, Craigie?
- (6) If yes to (5), when?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(6) The Western Australian Planning Commission recently confirmed that the proposed Shalom House land use activities were a continuation of the existing community purpose use on the site as approved by the City of Joondalup. This follows a recent State Administrative Tribunal decision that made rehabilitation facilities permissible under community purpose if the local government has chosen that zoning under its local planning scheme. The local member for Hillarys, Caitlin Collins, MLA, has raised this with the Minister for Planning and is advocating strongly on this issue. The member plans to meet with Shalom House to discuss the community concerns and has also requested to meet with the mayor to examine all available options. As part of the planning reforms, the state government intends to change the local planning regulations to better define what “community purpose” is and ensure there is stronger consideration on the location of facilities like drug and alcohol rehabilitation centres in the future.