

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH SURVEY

5945. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Local Government representing the Minister for Indigenous Affairs

I refer the Minister to the Report on the Western Australian Aboriginal Child Health Survey, carried out by the Kulunga Research Network at the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research. I draw the Minister's attention to Recommendation 12 of the Report, namely, 'The Australian Bureau of Statistics should be encouraged to review its existing family classification system for describing Indigenous and non-Indigenous families, with a view to the census and other official collections being more encompassing of the variety of family structures now present within contemporary Australian society', and I ask -

Will the Minister advise the House what progress has been made in respect of this recommendation?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

As a Commonwealth Government agency, the Australian Bureau of Statistics is outside the jurisdiction of the State Government.