

AT-RISK YOUTH — SAFE HOUSE — CARNARVON

927. Ms M. BEARD to the Minister for Child Protection:

I have a supplementary question. Regardless of where this is at, will the minister guarantee the community that a safe space will be provided as a matter of urgency for these children?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members.

Ms S.E. WINTON replied:

What I will guarantee the member, as the local member, and the community of Carnarvon is that as the Minister for Community Services; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Early Childhood Education, I will continue to work with the community on all the initiatives that they might come to me with to provide local solutions. I will continue to support existing programs like Target 120, targeted child protection and intervention services through the Intensive Family Support Service team; youth targeted Community Connect programs that actively engage with young people and transport them to safe spaces; the cadets at Carnarvon Community College; outreach and drop-in supports at Carnarvon youth services; the Carnarvon sexual assault response service; the Carnarvon financial counselling service; the Carnarvon information referral service; the Gascoyne Women's Refuge and the Murchison public tenancy support service. They are all local legends and are doing it much easier because of the efforts that we have made in restricting alcohol in the member's town.

Mr R.H. Cook: What a great way to finish!

The SPEAKER: Yes, well done, ministers.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. Saffioti: You've got some sarcasm today, Speaker.

The SPEAKER: It never works in the *Hansard* record, by the way. People will think it was a genuine compliment.