

BUNBURY POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRE HYPERSPACE PROGRAM

1047. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Is the minister aware that the future of the Bunbury Police and Community Youth Centre Hyperspace program, which supports young offenders and at-risk teens in the Bunbury area, is under threat after its youth engagement officer's contract was terminated due to funding cuts?
- (2) Is the minister also aware that Bunbury PCYC is now calling for donations to try to continue the program?
- (3) Does the PCYC receive funding from the state government for programs such as Hyperspace?
- (4) If the Bunbury Hyperspace program closes, what does the minister suggest will take its place?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

(1)–(2) No.

- (3)–(4) The PCYC is a not-for-profit organisation that receives funding from the government and the private sector. In addition, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support provides a range of services for children at risk. In the south west region, the department provides funding for 25 not-for-profit community services at a total cost of \$6.859 million. Of these services, 22 are delivered within the Bunbury area at a cost of \$5.758 million. These services include the National Affordable Housing Agreement youth accommodation; homelessness services; services for young people at risk; family and domestic violence services; child sexual abuse therapeutic services; family group homes; National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness accommodation and support services; financial counselling services; and leaving care services.