

CRAIGIE COMMUNITY HOUSE — “AT RISK” CHILDREN

425. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Will the Minister please identify the “at risk” children who will benefit from the money budgeted by the previous government for the Craigie Community House?
- (2) On what basis does the Minister consider those services, planned to be provided from the Craigie Community House, are no longer needed when the Department for Communities has nominated this project as a high priority?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

The minister has provided the following response

1. This funding will benefit some of the state’s most vulnerable children who are now entering care with a variety of difficult to manage behaviours and issues. Unfortunately, for many of these children foster care placements frequently break down and therefore a professionally staffed residential care facility is the best option in providing suitable accommodation and care.
2. I am advised that commencing the building, or at least being seen to have commenced the building, prior to the recent election formed the basis of the project being a “high priority”. Specific services had not been identified.