

CHURCHILL PARK GUEST HOUSE

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

I refer to the site of the former Churchill Park Guest House in Busselton.

- (1) Why has the minister failed to secure the site for the proposed women's refuge?
- (2) Was the minister consulted about the use of the site for affordable housing, rather than a refuge?
- (3) If yes to (2), by whom and when?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

Yesterday, a number of answers that I had signed off were put in another minister's file. Again, I have signed off on this one, and I am about to receive it from the Attorney General.

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) A new property was purchased by the Department of Housing in October 2013 for use as a women's refuge in Busselton.

Hon Sally Talbot: That's not the question.

Hon HELEN MORTON: Is it 1041?

Hon Sally Talbot: You're not answering the question I asked you.

Hon HELEN MORTON: To continue —

- (2) No; the former site is owned by the Department of Housing —

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Can we get clarification from the questioner on what number question it was?

Hon Sally Talbot: It is the answer the minister has chosen to give, but it is not the answer to my question.

Hon HELEN MORTON: I was part way through answering the question. Unfortunately, members opposite do not want to hear the answer, but I will provide it anyway. The answer is —

- (1) A new property was purchased by the Department of Housing in October 2013 for use as a women's refuge in Busselton.
- (2) No; the former site is owned by the Department of Housing and any future use of the site will be determined by the Department of Housing.
- (3) Not applicable.