

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINAL CHILD HEALTH SURVEY

5938. Hon Shelley Archer to the Minister for Communities

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 5 of the Report, namely, 'Establish a clear departmental authority, leadership and accountability in the provision of enriched educational infant and early childhood care that has, as a priority, the targeting of disadvantaged children', and I ask —

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

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I refer to the response to question on notice 5934. The Department for Communities has responsibility for leading the State Government Early Childhood Agenda. This responsibility was transferred from the Social Policy Unit, Department of the Premier and Cabinet on 1 January 2008.