

KIDS HELPLINE

440. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the minister representing the Minister for Local Government:

- (1) How much money did the state government pay to BoysTown Ltd in Queensland to run the Kids Helpline in 2013–14 and 2014–15?
- (2) How many calls from WA children and young people were made to Kids Helpline in each of 2013, 2014 and 2015 to date?
- (3) Is Kids Helpline@School available in WA?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many WA schools have participated in this program to date?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The Department of Local Government and Communities provides recurrent funding to BoysTown Ltd for the Kids Helpline service. In 2013–14, funding was \$58 750; and in 2014–15, \$60 307.
- (2) BoysTown has advised the department that the number of Western Australian children and young people directly contacting Kids Helpline counsellors is: 2012, 16 322 telephone and on-line interactions; 2013, 16 362 telephone and on-line interactions. The data for 2014 will be made available to the department in August 2015.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) This information is not available to the Department of Local Government and Communities, and it is recommended that this question be referred to the Minister for Education.