

METHAMPHETAMINE — REHABILITATION BEDS — KIMBERLEY

908. Ms J. FARRER to the Minister for Mental Health:

I have a supplementary question. When will the government put the much-needed services for this growing methamphetamine problem into the Kimberley, before it is too late?

Ms A.R. MITCHELL replied:

The other thing we are very strong on is not waiting until it is too late. We are very focused on helping out people before the need is so great that a person needs a rehabilitation bed. We will continue to do that. That is why we have put additional full-time staff in the alcohol and drug services, we have a step-up, step-down facility coming and we have services through the Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Service and through the Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services Council right across the Kimberley. We will make sure that we service the Kimberley.