

YOUTH-RELATED CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PROGRAMS, NORTH WEST

1469. Mr L. Graham to the Premier

I refer to the announcement made in December 2002 that an innovative new project will address youth-related crime and anti-social behaviour and has been funded by the State Government, and ask -

- (a) specifically what is the innovative new project;
- (b) which department will administer the project;
- (c) where will the project operate;
- (d) how is the project funded;
- (e) what is the source of the funds for the project;
- (f) how much funding has been allocated to the youth-related crime and anti-social behaviour program;
- (g) how much of the proposed funding is to be spent on youth-related crime and anti-social behaviour programs in the North West of the State;
- (h) in which towns and communities will the funds be spent;
- (i) who will be responsible for administering the funds; and
- (j) when will the programs commence operation in each town referred to above?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (a)-(j) The announcements made in December 2002 refer to the approval of four State Crime Prevention Strategy Fund grants in response to requests from community organisations to conduct crime prevention projects targeting youth related crime and anti social behaviour.

The State Crime Prevention Strategy Fund is an application based grants program administered by the Office of Crime Prevention. The program provides \$500,000 per annum to enable communities to apply for funding to undertake initiatives that address priority crime and community safety issues.

The grants announced were:

SAFER W.A. Mid-West District Committee - \$50,000 for a Junior Speedway program to be run by the Geraldton PCYC for people living in Geraldton. The target group is at-risk people between the ages of 12 and 17 referred by Government departments, local courts, schools and Aboriginal street workers. The project commenced on 1 April 2003 and provides participants' opportunities to gain experience and responsibility as drivers, in vehicle preparation, as well as being exposed to teamwork and social interaction

SAFER W.A. Broome District Committee - \$25,000 for a junior speedway program to be run by the Seventh Day Adventist Church for people living in the Broome. The target group is at-risk people between the ages of 10 and 17. Referrals will be from Government departments, schools, community representatives and parents. The project commenced on 1 April 2003 and provides participants' opportunities to gains experience and responsibility as drivers, in vehicle preparation, as well as being exposed to teamwork and social interaction.

Edmund Rice Centre - \$16,000 for leisure and sport activities in Mirrabooka for young people between the ages of 12 and 18 who are newly arrived in Western Australia or are new to the city area. The project addresses problems of isolation that currently lead to boredom. Activities are also designed to break down cultural barriers. The project commenced on 1 January 2003

Curtin University of Technology Esperance - \$49,446 to run the Rebuilding Automobiles a Challenge for Esperance Youth project. This Esperance based project will involve 15 indigenous young people and would provide a two-day per week program teaching automotive skills. The project commenced on 12 February 2003 and teaches skills such as mechanics, metal fabrication, spray painting and sign-writing. It also focuses on literacy skills, team building and other social interaction skills.