

CRAIGIE COMMUNITY HOUSE — CLOSURE

471. Mr A.P. O’Gorman to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) Why has Craigie Community House been axed?
- (2) Where has the allocated budget of \$890,000 specifically gone to?
- (3) What is now going to happen to the land that was excised for the specific purpose?
- (4) Where are Craigie residents going to get financial assistance now?
- (5) Where will the services that were intended to be provided out of that House now be provided from?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

The minister has provided the following response

- (1) The Craigie Community House project was cancelled to provide urgent capital funding for the reform of residential care facilities across the state as recommended by the Ford review. The Department for Child Protection allocates capital funding to meet its priority commitments in providing for the protection and care of children and supporting at-risk individuals and families.
- (2) The allocated budget will assist in funding the purchase, refurbishment and construction of residential care facilities across the state.
- (3) The future status of the land offered to the Department for Child Protection by the Department of Education and Training for this project will be discussed with the Department of Education and Training.
- (4) There will be no change to the provision of financial assistance for the Craigie residents. They will continue to approach their local Department for Child Protection district office or non-government organisations.
- (5) There were no specific services identified to be provided out of the Craigie Community House.