

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — REFUGES — PEEL REGION

4729. Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:

I refer to the Government's announcement in May 2017 in relation to a second family violence refuge in the Peel Region and ask:

- (a) Has land been identified for the new refuge:
 - (i) If not why not; and
 - (ii) If so, what postcode is the refuge located;
- (b) What stage of construction is the refuge at;
- (c) What is the anticipated practical completion date for the refuge;
- (d) What is the anticipated opening and operation date for the refuge; and
- (e) How many persons will the refuge shelter at capacity (including a breakdown for adults and children)?

Ms S.F. McGurk replied:

- (a) Yes.
 - (i) Not applicable.
 - (ii) To protect the safety of the women who will access the refuge, it is not appropriate to specify the location.
- (b) Construction is in the schematic design stage.
- (c) The Department of Communities is working towards a practical completion date in the first quarter of 2021.
- (d) The Department is working towards the refuge service being open and operational in line with the practical completion date. The operational date is also contingent on the tender process for the service provider.
- (e) The number of women and children accommodated will depend on the individual need, client mix and family sizes at any one time.