

WARRAWEE WOMEN'S REFUGE

366. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I refer to the government-owned Warrawee Women's Refuge that has been run by the City of Fremantle with considerable financial contributions by the council. This refuge has been operating for over 40 years and last year supported over 50 women and 60 children to safely escape violent situations.

- (1) Why did the state government offer the refuge only fixed funding over the next three years when costs are rising five per cent a year and then expect the local council to increase its contribution?
- (2) Is this funding not necessary to be indexed so that Warrawee can continue to offer this important service?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Fremantle for the question. I request that the member put the question on notice to the Minister for Child Protection. The Minister for Child Protection, Hon Helen Morton, in the other place, has responsibility for domestic violence and for the provision of services to our domestic violence refuges, so I do not have that detail. If the member wants to put that question on notice to the Premier in this house, I am sure that we can get the answer to the member.