

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

984. Mrs A.K. HAYDEN to the Minister for Child Protection:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister urgently arrange for this matter to be escalated so that these children are no longer re-traumatised by having to confront their attackers every day they attend school, or will it take the end of school term for these victims not to have to face these attackers every day they go to school?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

I do not accept the premise of the supplementary question; that is, in a town such as Roebourne, victims are re-traumatised all the time as a result of living in that town. Where there are any risks to child safety, they are being considered by child protection officers and police, as well as education officers, and there is court oversight as well, to ensure that any risks are being properly managed. If there are real concerns, I am satisfied that there are measures in place to ensure that child safety is maintained. I do not accept the premise of the supplementary question that children are traumatised as a result of living in Roebourne.