

WARRAWEE WOMEN'S REFUGE

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

I have a supplementary question. As Minister for Women's Interests, does the minister not have an interest to ensure that this government is not pushing costs back to the local council to manage the government's own budget mess when the only losers out of this situation will be women and children trying to leave violent situations?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

Of course, as Minister for Women's Interests and as Minister for Police, I have an intimate interest in ensuring that there are places for women and children to go to flee domestic violence. The specific funding arrangements that those refuges have with the government are managed by the Minister for Child Protection, Hon Helen Morton, in the other place. I am sure that she would be more than willing to furnish the member with a response to that question, but it will need to be put on notice or directed to the Premier or the Minister for Local Government who are responsible for representing the honourable minister from the other place.