

WOMEN'S REFUGES

1515. Dr J.M. Woollard to the Minister for Community Development

In relation to women's refuge centres –

- (1) How many refuge centres are north of the River?
- (2) How many refuge centres are south of the River?
- (3) How many women use the facilities north of the River?
- (4) How many women use the facilities south of the River?
- (5) What is the maximum number of women that facilities can cater for in –
 - (a) refuge centres north of the River (1); and
 - (b) refuge centres south of the River (2)?
- (6) What area north of the River has the biggest demand for refuge centres?
- (7) What area south of the River has the biggest demand for refuge centres?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) There are eight women's refuges located north of the river. Three of these are in inner city locations. North of the river is defined as north of the Narrows Bridge.
- (2) There are seven women's refuges south of the river, including Rockingham and excluding Mandurah. South of the River is defined as south of the Narrows Bridge.
- (3) In 2004-05 608 women used the facilities north of the river on 698 occasions.
- (4) In 2004-05 639 women used the facilities south of the river on 808 occasions.
- (5)
 - (a) There are 57 crisis places available north of the river. Of these, 15 places are for single women and 42 places are for women with accompanying children.
 - (b) There are 47 crisis places available south of the river. Of these, 18 are for single women and 29 places are for women with accompanying children.
- (6)-(7) Indicative data collected by the Department for Community Development about clients receiving Departmental services suggests that the Department's Mirrabooka District Office has the highest demand for services due to domestic violence reasons, followed by Joondalup, Perth and Midland District Offices. South of the River, Cannington District Office shows the highest demand, followed by Armadale, Fremantle and Rockingham.