

WEST PILBARA PLAN

**96. Mr P.A. KATSAMBANIS to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I have a supplementary question. You are the Minister for Child Protection, so will you immediately undertake investigations to determine whether any children are living with convicted paedophiles or those charged with paedophilia; and if you determine there are such children, will you take immediate action to get these kids out of harm's way?

**Ms S.F. McGURK replied:**

It is very clear that we have put in place a comprehensive plan that deals with the immediate issues of child sex abuse and ensuring that child safety is paramount in the community. I cannot say it to the opposition or general community any clearer than that. We take that responsibility very seriously. The authorities on the ground take that responsibility very seriously, whether it is police, child protection workers or magistrates who deal with perpetrators and the conditions under which perpetrators are dealt with, whether they are remanded or on bail and any conditions that might apply around that. That is taken very seriously and I do not resile from it. If the opposition has any information that could alarm that community or the general community that this government is not taking those issues seriously, then it should come forward with that information. I urge the opposition to do that with discretion, to my office, and we will act post haste.