

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — MENTAL HEALTH UNIT — ALLEGED SEXUAL ASSAULT

**716. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Mental Health:**

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister confirm whether the family requested any additional recommendations to the report, which I have referred to, and have they been completed?

**The SPEAKER:** You get one question as a supplementary, not two.

**Ms L. Mettam:** Well, I asked it.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, sorry, can you just wait a moment, please. Did you have something to say? Were you backchatting? Do you know how to behave in the chamber? Clearly not.

**Ms A. SANDERSON replied:**

I think the member has a fundamental misunderstanding of the role of the Mental Health Advocacy Service. Its role is to support consumers in the mental health system, and to work with the system to improve it. Some of these reports are self-reported; they do not necessarily involve family, particularly with older young people. Young people in the mental health estate involve people up to 24 years of age, who are largely adults.

I cannot confirm whether the family has requested that—I would have to get that information from MHAS—but I do know that MHAS takes its responsibility incredibly seriously, and when it is requested to investigate and provide recommendations, it does.