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SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, SUSPENDED

3170. Ms McHALE to the Minister for Education:

- (1) How many teachers (including Principals) have been suspended from state schools in the following years -
- (a) 1993;
 (b) 1994;
 (c) 1995;
 (d) 1996;
 (e) 1997;
 (f) 1998; and
 (g) 1999?
- (2) How many of these, by each year, resulted in disciplinary action?
- (3) How many by each year resulted in no justified case being found against the teachers?

Mr BARNETT replied:

- (1) (a)-(e) On 15 June 1998 the Department created a database to document disciplinary action commenced against employees in the Education Department of Western Australia. There is no comprehensive database prior to this date which covers all disciplinary action against employees, and I am not prepared to require the Education Department to commit the resources necessary to provide the information sought.
- (f) Four teachers (including principals) were suspended in 1998 in accordance with Section 7C of the Education Act 1928.
- (g) In 1999 one principal has been suspended in accordance with Section 7C of the Education Act 1928.
- (2)-(3) (a)-(e) Not applicable.
- (f) Of the four teachers, a penalty pursuant to Section 7C of the Education Act 1928 was imposed on one employee. The inquiry relating to each of the remaining three teachers has not been finalised as each is subject to criminal proceedings, which have not been concluded. At this stage, on no occasion in 1998 has a suspended teacher been found not guilty of misconduct.
- (g) In this case, the Director-General determined that the principal was guilty of misconduct and a penalty was imposed.

FREMANTLE PRISON, RESTORATION WORK

3171. Dr GALLOP to the Minister for Works:

With reference to the restoration works carried out at the old Fremantle Prison, will the Minister indicate -

- (a) the cost of the restoration work; and
 (b) who was awarded contracts to carry out restoration work?

Mr BOARD replied:

I am advised that:

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| (a) | 1996/97 | \$200,000 |
| | 1997/98 | \$300,000 |
| | 1998/99 | \$300,000 |
| (b) | 1996/97 | Kevin Palassis Architects Stirling Irrigation Transfield Maintenance Palmerston Building Company Considine and Griffiths Architects Don Wallace Jason Signmakers |
| | 1997/98 | Considine and Griffiths Architects Kevin Palassis Architects Sizer Builders Transfield Maintenance Julia Clarke + Associates Jason Signmakers Alan Muller Design |
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Alan Muller Design
Palmerston Building Company
Norman Disney and Young
Hocking Planning and Architecture

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, EMERGENCY RELIEF FUNDING

3181. Mr BROWN to the Minister for Family and Children's Services:

- (1) Further to question on notice No. 2124 of 1999, has the Minister raised with any of her Federal colleagues the growing number of non-Government agencies dispensing Commonwealth Government emergency relief that have reported a significant increase in demand to the point where funding is no longer able to meet demand?
- (2) Has the Minister sought any additional funding for emergency relief from her Federal colleagues?
- (3) If so, when?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Will the Minister make representations to her Federal colleagues to increase the level of funding provided for emergency relief?
- (6) If not, why not?
- (7) If so, when?

Mrs PARKER replied:

- (1)-(2) Yes.
- (3) Correspondence was sent to Senator the Hon Jocelyn Newman, the Minister responsible for the Commonwealth Emergency Relief Program on 28 April 1999.
- (4)-(7) Not applicable

HOMESWEST, ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

3216. Ms ANWYL to the Minister for Housing:

- (1) What is the Homeswest policy with respect to housing of people who are victims of domestic violence?
- (2) How many people currently on waiting lists have identified domestic violence as a reason for making an application for -
 - (a) assistance; and
 - (b) priority assistance?
- (3) Will the Minister -
 - (a) advise what has been the Homeswest policy with respect to housing of people who are victims of domestic violence for each year from 1993 to 1999; and
 - (b) identify all and any changes in policy?
- (4) Has there been a reduction in the number of houses available to house Homeswest tenants?
- (5) Will the Minister consider the creation of a specific amount of housing stock to be available for victims of domestic violence and their children?
- (6) What policy development or research is being undertaken around this issue by the Department?
- (7) What representation does the Department have on domestic violence prevention committees in Western Australia?
- (8) What representation does the Department have with respect to the development and implementation of the Court Government's domestic violence policy?

Dr HAMES replied:

- (1) I undertake to provide the member with a copy of the latest policy, which has been developed in consultation with community groups associated with the Housing Advisory Committee. The latest policy was implemented in May 1999.
- (2) The Ministry of Housing is unable to determine the number of applicants currently listed for accommodation on a priority or wait turn basis who have nominated domestic violence as the basis for their request.
- (3) The Ministry of Housing's Domestic Violence Policy was first developed in 1993 in consultation with the Women's Refuge Group and government agencies involved in the provision of services to victims of domestic violence. Since the initial introduction of the policy, minor amendments and additions have been made, however the intent of the policy, that issues of domestic violence are grounds for priority assistance, remains unchanged.
- (4) Ministry of Housing stock levels are as follows: