Hon Adele Farina to the Mental Health.

I refer to the high number of suicides in the Bunbury coronial jurisdiction in 2010/11, and ask

(1) Has the Minister read the research report by the Val Lishman Foundation titled "LIFE in the South West of Western Australia: A study of existing suicide prevention services" dated January 2011?

(2) With respect to each of the key findings,

(a) what action has been taken to address the finding?
(b) how much funding has been committed?

(3) I refer to the service gaps finding, in particular in relation to services out of hours for adults and all times for children and adolescents and ask the Minister whether action has been taken to address this significant gap in services.

Answer:

I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1) Yes

2a) On 18 August 2011, the Minister for Mental Health provided a letter of support as requested by the Val Lishman Health Research Foundation to assist with their funding application for the Royalties for Regions Program. The letter was to extend the application for funding to other rural regions in Western Australia who were offered the model for community based promotion of health research to other rural regions.

2b) On 29 June 2012, the Minister for Mental Health met with members of the Bunbury City Council, including the Mayor David Smith, and discussed suicide rates in the Bunbury region in Western Australia.

2c) On 14 August 2012, the Minister for Mental Health met with members of the City of Bunbury Council, including the Mayor David Smith, and discussed suicide rates in the Bunbury region in Western Australia.
b) As part of the State Government’s $13 million WA Suicide Prevention Strategy, a number of Community Action Plans (CAPs) are being implemented in the South West region.

I seek leave to table the attached information.

3) There are a number of initiatives to expand mental health services in the South West:

- The Commonwealth Government announced in June 2012 that a Headspace centre has been approved for Bunbury in 2012/13.
- New investment was provided to the Department of Health in 2011/12 to employ 2 additional mental health professionals in Bunbury to provide outreach services.
- The MHC, in collaboration with the South West Development Commission, is working with the South West Development Commission to jointly fund a Service Coordinator position that will assist in developing and commissioning services in the region.
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