

Dodges Ferry - Community Connect Program Funding

Ms WHITE question to MINISTER for COMMUNITY SERVICES

My question is from the acting manager of Okines Community House in Dodges Ferry, who has raised concerns that funding promised at this year's election has not been delivered. Your government promised ongoing funding for the Community Connect program, delivered by Neighbourhood Houses across the state, including at Okines. Despite this promise made eight months ago, no funding has been provided, and what has been offered will not cover the cost of the two days a week that has been funded under the pilot program. This means that at a time of growing financial stress in the community, Okines is struggling to meet the needs of the community and has lost the valuable worker they had in the role due to a lack of funding certainty.

Why have you failed some of the most vulnerable in our community? Why have you broken this promise to continue the Community Connect program? Will you review this decision and ensure that what you committed just a few months ago is actually delivered?