

PREGNANCY ADVISORY CENTRE

6 June 2006

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD: I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the Minister for Environment and Conservation, representing the Minister for Health, a question about counselling received by the Pregnancy Advisory Centre.

The Hon. D.G.E. HOOD: The Pregnancy Advisory Centre at Woodville Park is an abortion counselling service. Counselling is provided to women about the abortion procedure, and it includes the services of a consultant who will talk to women about their decision to abort, explain the procedure, explain the possible risks, provide women with information for care after the procedure if they choose to proceed, and answer any questions and provide further information about contraception. My questions to the minister are:

1. What percentage of clients went on to terminate their pregnancies after counselling at the pregnancy abortion clinic during the years 2001 to 2004?
2. Are women provided with the option of an ultrasound of the baby during the counselling visit?

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In reply to **Hon. D.G.E. HOOD** (6 June).

The Hon. G.E. GAGO: The Minister for Health has advised:

1. Of the clients who requested counselling between 2001 and 2004, the percentage of clients who proceeded to termination of pregnancy was 55 per cent in 2001;

60 per cent in 2002; 61 per cent in 2003; and 42 per cent in 2004.

2. Ultrasound is always available to clients who request it at the Pregnancy Advisory Centre