



Speech by

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COMBINED CHURCHES KOSOVO APPEAL

Mrs SHELDON (Caloundra—LP) (10.28 a.m. I know that we are all deeply concerned about the plight of the Kosovo refugees, particularly as it relates to defenceless children. In view of the fact that it would appear that the State of Queensland would not have to face the expense of housing refugees, which I know we were prepared to do, I ask the Premier if he will commit the State to contribute on a dollar-for-dollar basis the same amount as that raised by the Combined Churches Kosovo Appeal of the Sunshine Coast, which has so far raised in excess of \$30,000. So far, churches have given generous donations.

Such a contribution on compassionate grounds would encourage even more to be given by the local community. The moneys are being channelled through AusAID to registered aid organisation, International Needs, which has guaranteed that 95c in every dollar will reach those in need. I ask the Premier to contribute.
