

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS — APPLICATIONS

915. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Working with Children Card (WCC) and I ask:

- (a) how many applications were made for WCCs in the following years:
 - (i) 2019;
 - (ii) 2020;
 - (iii) 2021;
 - (iv) 2022; and
 - (v) 2023 to date; and
- (b) how many applications for WCCs were denied in the following years:
 - (i) 2019;
 - (ii) 2020;
 - (iii) 2021;
 - (iv) 2022; and
 - (v) 2023 to date?

Ms S.E. Winton replied:

The Department of Communities advises:

- (a) (i)–(v) 2019 – 139,094
2020 – 129,577
2021 – 151,900
2022 – 147,121
2023 (as at 23 October 2023) – 137,165
- (b) (i)–(v) 2019 – 245
2020 – 280
2021 – 226
2022 – 178
2023 (as at 23 October 2023) – 161