

CHILD PROTECTION — KIMBERLEY — CHILDREN IN CARE OF CEO

**1410. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:**

For the West Kimberley region and the East Kimberley region —

- (1) How many children are in the care of the chief executive officer?
- (2) How many of those children in (1) are Aboriginal?
- (3) How many children are on the monitored list?
- (4) Of those children in (3), how many are Aboriginal?

**Hon HELEN MORTON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) In the East Kimberley, 143 children are in the care of the chief executive officer. In the West Kimberley, there are 193 children.
- (2) In the East Kimberley, 143 children are Aboriginal. In the West Kimberley, 192 children are Aboriginal.
- (3) As at 3 October 2015, in the East Kimberley, 31.5 children were on the monitored list—the 0.5 is due to a case being co-worked by another district; and in the West Kimberley, zero. The country relieving team were in the East Kimberley from 29 September 2015 to 9 October 2015 to assist the East Kimberley district staff. The monitored list is managed by a team leader in close consultation with the district director. All cases on the monitored list must be reviewed monthly to review the need for the case to remain on the monitored cases report; to review the case tasks; to prioritise the work in the context of the district's responsibilities, if required; to reallocate the case; and/or to decide if any further action is required.

Actions and inquiries about cases on the monitored list are managed by the individual district's systems, which may include a duty team leader, a district director or a duty child protection worker. Children aged five years and younger may only be placed on the monitored list after the safety and wellbeing assessment has been commenced in exceptional circumstances. Cases that involve children in the chief executive officer's care who are aged two years or under must not be placed on the monitored list.

- (4) Of the children on the monitored list for the East Kimberley, 100 per cent are Aboriginal.