

CHILD PROTECTION — RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AGREEMENTS

3284. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) For the period 1 January 2017 to 1 July 2017, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements did the Department for Child Protection implement:
 - (a) how many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (1) originated from a referral from another State Government department, and how many were referred by each department;
 - (b) how many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement;
 - (c) how many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
 - (i) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (ii) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (iii) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and
 - (iv) undertake other measures; and
 - (d) how many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
 - (i) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (ii) re-offended since the agreement was made?
- (2) For the period 1 January 2020 to 1 July 2020, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements did the Department for Child Protection implement:
 - (a) how many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (2) originated from a referral from another State Government department, and how many were referred by each department;
 - (b) how many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement;
 - (c) how many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
 - (i) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
 - (ii) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
 - (iii) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; and
 - (iv) undertake other measures; and
 - (d) how many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
 - (i) improved their attendance at school; and
 - (ii) re-offended since the agreement was made?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1) 117
 - (a) Of these 117 agreements, a total of 30 originated from another State Government Department:
 - 22 from the Department of Education;
 - six (6) from the Western Australia Police Force;
 - one (1) from the Department of Health; and
 - one (1) from the Department of Justice.
 - (b)–(d) This level of information is not readily available from the Department of Communities' child protection information system as the information is held on individual case files. It would impose a significant administrative burden to source and collate this data.
- (2) 35
 - (a) Of these 35 agreements, a total of 18 originated from another State Government Department:
 - seven (7) from the Department of Education;
 - six (6) from the Western Australia Police Force;

three (3) from Department of Health, and
two (2) from the Department of Justice.

- (b)–(d) This level of information is not readily available from the Department of Communities' child protection information system as the information is held on individual case files. It would impose a significant administrative burden to source and collate this data.