

CHILD SAFETY DIRECTORS' GROUP

855. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Minister for Child Protection:

My question has been redirected to the Minister for Child Protection. It is C893. I had addressed it to the Leader of the House representing the Premier because I thought that the director general was the chair of this group. Anyway, I will see what I get.

- (1) When was the Child Safety Directors' Group established?
- (2) Who are the members of the group?
- (3) How often does the group meet?
- (4) What are its roles and responsibilities?
- (5) Are its meetings minuted?
- (6) To whom and in what form does the group report?

Hon HELEN MORTON replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. Indeed, this question was redirected to me.

- (1)–(6) The Child Safety Directors' Group was established in 2007 as a result of recommendations made in the 2007 "Review of the Department for Community Development: Review Report", known as the Ford report. Recommendation 60 called for the identification of a child safety director in all key government agencies with responsibilities for child safety and wellbeing. Recommendation 61 recommended the establishment of the Child Safety Directors' Group to ensure that a coordinated response by government is provided to vulnerable children and their families, including children who are in the care of the state. The Child Safety Directors' Group meets on a six-weekly basis and meetings of the Child Safety Directors' Group are minuted. I table the attached terms of reference that address all the other questions asked by the honourable member.

[See paper 3183.]