

CHILD PROTECTION — STAFF

3256. Hon Colin Tincknell to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) What was the total Department for Child Protection (the Department) funded FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019; and
 - (e) 2020?
- (2) What was the total service delivery FTE employee allocation for the Department, by directorate and district, as at 1 July in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019; and
 - (e) 2020?
- (3) What were the total vacant service delivery positions for the Department, by directorate and district, as at 1 July in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019; and
 - (e) 2020?
- (4) What was the total FTE case worker allocation for the Department, by directorate and district, as at 1 July in each of the following years:
 - (a) 2016;
 - (b) 2017;
 - (c) 2018;
 - (d) 2019; and
 - (e) 2020?
- (5) What was the FTE number of employees for the Department, by directorate and district, on:
 - (a) permanent contract, as at 1 July for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2016;
 - (ii) 2017;
 - (iii) 2018;
 - (iv) 2019; and
 - (v) 2020; and
 - (b) fixed-term contract, as at 1 July for each of the following years:
 - (i) 2016;
 - (ii) 2017;
 - (iii) 2018;
 - (iv) 2019; and
 - (v) 2020?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

This answer encompasses the Department of Communities and the legacy agencies whose functions were amalgamated into the Department of Communities from 1 July 2017.

- (1) (a) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the total Department for Child Protection funded FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.

(b)–(e) As part of the WA Government’s machinery of government changes, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support ceased operation on 30 June 2017, and was replaced by the Department of Communities (Communities) from 1 July 2017.

[See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for Communities’ total funded FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district as at 1 July 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.
- (2) (a) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the total Department for Child Protection service delivery FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.

Service Delivery is defined as all positions that directly interact and/or provide support services to Communities’ external clients, including children, families and the community.

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- (3) (a) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the total vacant Department for Child Protection service delivery FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.

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- (4) (a) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for total Department for Child Protection case worker FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.

Case workers are defined as all front facing positions that directly interact with the Department’s external clients in providing direct primary case management in managing a child protection caseload.

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[See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for total Communities’ case worker FTE employee allocation, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

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- (5) The FTE number of employees for the Department by directorate and district are as follows:
 - (a) (i) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the number of permanent contract staff employed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.
 - (ii) As part of the WA Government’s machinery of government changes, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support ceased operation on 30 June 2017, and was replaced by the Department of Communities (Communities) from 1 July 2017.

[See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the number of permanent contract staff employed by Communities, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.

- (b) (i) [See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the number of fixed term contract staff employed by the Department for Child Protection and Family Support, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2016.
- (ii) As part of the WA Government's machinery of government changes, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support ceased operation on 30 June 2017, and was replaced by the Department of Communities (Communities) from 1 July 2017.
[See tabled paper no [4597](#)] for the number of fixed term contract staff employed by Communities, by directorate and district, as at 1 July 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020.