

FOSTER CARE — ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

712. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 690 of 28 August 2018, in which the minister informed the house that on 13 June 2018, the department commenced a carer review into a male foster carer in Newman who has been served with a restraining order.

- (1) How many children were in the care of this carer when the review commenced?
- (2) How many children are currently in the care of this carer?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The Department of Communities' inquiries are ongoing. The Department of Communities cannot comment on individual cases or reviews that may lead to the identification of individuals. This has the potential to lead to conjecture that may cause conflict in the community. The Department of Communities continues to take the necessary steps to appropriately protect and support children. If any concerns for child safety are raised, they will be investigated, and, if required, acted upon immediately.