

COMMUNITY SERVICES — WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

385. **Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) Since 1 January 2017, how many Working with Children checks have been submitted under category 15, “An Overnight Camp”?
- (2) In this time period and category, how many Working with Children cards have been issued?
- (3) In this time period and category, how many negative notices have been issued as the parent has not been considered a volunteer?
- (4) what is the Working With Children check screening units definition of a parental volunteer at a children’s sporting camp?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (1) 2 145.
- (2) 2 180 Working With Children cards issued to date in 2017. These figures include Working With Children cards that were applied for prior to 1 January 2017.
- (3) Four.
- (4) The definition of parental volunteer, consistent with what is described as ‘child-related work’ under the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004*, is where a parent’s participation is in, and support of, their child’s educational, social and physical development.

Parents who volunteer in activities with their children generally do not require a WWC Check, as it is not regarded as child-related work.