

JUVENILE OFFENDERS — MONITORING

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

I refer to question without notice 263, regarding reportable offenders attending high school.

- (1) Is the minister aware that there are currently 35 reportable offenders under the age of 18 who are attending high school?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) Further to (1), how many of those is the department currently managing through the multi-agency protocols for education options for young people charged with harmful sexual behaviours?
- (4) How many other young people is the department managing, pursuant to those same protocols?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The Department of Communities cannot comment on data provided by the Western Australia Police Force. As a party to the multi-agency protocol for education options for young people charged with harmful sexual behaviours, the Department of Communities works with WA police and the Department of Education to manage the education requirements of young people charged with such offences. Communities will be notified of these children but may not have an ongoing role with the young person if their parents have been assessed as having capacity to protect their child under the Children and Community Services Act 2004. If the young person is in the care of the CEO, the Department of Communities will have an active role in the management of education options and other support services for this young person.
- (3)–(4) This information is not available in the time provided. I request that the member put this question on notice.