

**CHILD PROTECTION — YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EXCEPTIONALLY COMPLEX NEEDS PROGRAM**

2081. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

I refer to the Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs program, and I ask:

- (a) how many unsuccessful referrals were made to the program in:
  - (i) 2016;
  - (ii) 2017;
  - (iii) 2018; and
  - (iv) 2019 to date;
- (b) for what general reasons were referrals unsuccessful; and
- (c) for each year from 2016 to 2019, how many referrals were unsuccessful for each of the general reasons provided in (b)?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

(a)

	Unsuccessful Referrals	Total Referrals
(i)	9	13
(ii)	8	13
(iii)	5	11
(iv)	5	13

The above totals include referrals that have been submitted through to the Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs (YPECN) Interagency Executive Committee for consideration.

(b) Referrals to the YPECN program can be unsuccessful for the following reasons:

The referral issues could be resolved by the referring agency and/or through the referral discussion with the Interagency Executive Committee.

The referral did not meet YPECN referral criteria.

The referral did not identify systemic gaps and barriers that could be resolved through the YPECN program.

(c) This information is not available from the Department of Communities as the referral is only noted as either successful or unsuccessful.