

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILDREN IN CARE

4. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:
- (1) I refer to the number of children in the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support and I ask, what was the number on 11 March 2017?
 - (2) Further to (1):
 - (a) what was the age of the youngest in care;
 - (b) what was the age of the oldest in care;
 - (c) what was the number of children who have been identified as having a potential claim for compensation (whether as against a third party or otherwise); and
 - (d) what was the number of children who have been identified as having a potential claim for compensation against the department?
 - (3) What was the number on 11 May 2017?
 - (4) Further to (3):
 - (a) what was the age of the youngest in care;
 - (b) what was the age of the oldest in care;
 - (c) what was the number of children who have been identified as having a potential claim for compensation (whether as against a third party or otherwise); and
 - (d) what was the number of children who have been identified as having a potential claim against the department?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1) On 1 March 2017 there were 4 722 children in the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.
- (2)
 - (a) The youngest child in care on this day was nine days old.
 - (b) The oldest child in care had their 18th birthday three days after this date.
 - (c) As at 15 May 2017, the number of children under the age of 18 years identified with a potential criminal injury compensation claim is 430. These are primarily for injuries incurred prior to the children entering care.
 - (d) As at 15 May 2017, the number of children under the age of 18 years identified with a potential abuse in care claim is 38.
- (3) On 1 May 2017 there were 4 774 children in the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support.
- (4)
 - (a) The youngest child in care on this day was six days old.
 - (b) The oldest child in care had their 18th birthday two days after this date.
 - (c) 430 as above.
 - (d) 28 as above.