

CHILD PROTECTION — CORONER'S RECOMMENDATION — CASE WORKERS

436. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Coroner's recommendation that "all children [other than successful long term foster placements] transferred from one location to another have a case worker", and I ask:

- (a) does the Government support this recommendation;
- (b) if no to (a), why not;
- (c) if yes to (a), what action has the Government taken to address this recommendation; and
- (d) if no action has been taken, why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) Yes.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Practice guidance requires that case transfer of children in care and case management follows the child. A case worker must be allocated for the child, to ensure case management is focussed on the child.
- (d) Not applicable.