

CHILDREN IN CARE — SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

1674. 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:

- (1) Is any funding provided to community organisations to provide advocacy and practical support for families whose children have been taken into care including to:
 - (a) support them towards reunification; and
 - (b) support them to raise concerns regarding their child's care plan?
- (2) If yes to (1):
 - (a) which organisations are provided funding; and
 - (b) how much does each organisation receive?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1) Yes.
 - (a) As part of the Earlier Intervention and Family Support Strategy, the Department of Communities contracts with service providers to deliver reunification programs for children who have entered the care of the Chief Executive Officer. These services include the Aboriginal In-Home Support Service and the Intensive Family Support Services.
 - (b) Yes. The Department of Communities contracts with the Family Inclusion Network of Western Australia Inc for the Parent and Family Advocacy, Information and Support Service. The service provides advice, information, referral, resources and advocacy for parents and families who have had, or are at risk of having their children taken into care.
- (2) (a)–(b) Organisations funded by the Department of Communities are outlined in [see tabled paper no 2156].
- (3) Not applicable.