

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT — SCREENING UNIT

93. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Ministers' answer to my question on notice No. 25 regarding the work of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support ("the Department") Screening Unit, and I ask:

- (a) what was the reason for each of the 17 Negative Notices in the 2016 calendar year; and
- (b) further to (a), what compliance action was required in each of the 17 cases?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The reason a person is issued a Negative Notice under the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004* (the Act) is not disclosed to the 'employer'. Moreover, this is confidential information under the Act and cannot be publicly disclosed.
- (b) Whenever an employee of the former Department for Child Protection and Family Support (CPFS) or a CPFS foster carer was issued with a negative notice, CPFS ensured that the person was not employed in 'child-related' work or caring for a child in care.