

CHILDREN'S COURT — PSYCHIATRIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL REPORTS

5251. Hon Linda Savage to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What specific funding is currently available to enable the Children's Court to order and receive psychological and psychiatric reports to assist in its decision making?
- (2) Has the Minister received any advice that the funding is not adequate to enable the Children's Court to order and receive psychiatric and psychological reports in a timely manner?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1) The Department of Corrective Services employs 17 FTE psychologists statewide in Youth Psychological Services who all regularly undertake the writing of psychological reports for the Children's Court. The Department has a 2011/2012 budget of \$227,033 for the provision of such psychological and psychiatric reports undertaken by external writers.
- (2) No.