

FOSTER CARE — ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

**752. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the minister's answer to my question without notice 734 on 30 August 2018 in which she informed the house that children remain in the care of a male foster carer in Newman notwithstanding that he has been served with a restraining order and has been the subject of a departmental carer review since 13 June.

- (1) Is the review now complete?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the outcome?
- (3) If no to (1), does the department have a policy or procedure outlining the time frame that such reviews should ordinarily take?
- (4) If yes to (3), will the minister table that document?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No. The review is not as yet complete.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Yes. A "Duty of Care Report — Carer Standard of Care Assessment" must be completed within 30 days and provided to the district director for approval. Any extension to this time frame must be approved by the district director. Due to the complex nature of this review, the district director has agreed to an extension of the assessment period to the end of September 2018.
- (4) Yes. I table the Department of Communities' casework practice manual, section 2.1.5.

[See paper 1741.]