

CHILD PROTECTION — AT-RISK MINOR — KALGOORLIE INCIDENT

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

I refer to the article, *At-risk child 'turned away' from hospital*, published in the *Kalgoorlie Miner* on Saturday 29 April 2017, which details the case of a child being sent home from Kalgoorlie Health Service after openly admitting to attempt suicide, and I ask:

- (a) was the Department of Child Protection notified of this incident;
- (b) if yes to (a), when; and
- (c) if yes to (a), what steps were taken by the department following notification?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (a) The Department for Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) did not receive a notification of the incident.

It is not a requirement for the Department to receive notifications from a health service if a child presents as suicidal and/or with mental health concerns, unless there are child protection concerns or the child is in care. This child is not in care.

- (b)–(c) Not applicable.
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