

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILDREN IN CARE — COMPENSATION CLAIMS

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

I refer to the answer to my question on notice No. 4 asked on 11 May 2017 and answered on 15 June 2017 regarding the number of potential claims for compensation for children in care, and I ask:

- (a) of the 4,774 children in the care of the Department for Child Protection and Family Support on 1 May 2017, what was the number of potential claims for compensation (other than criminal injury compensation) for children in care;
- (b) of the potential claims referred to at (a) above, how many are motor vehicle accident claims;
- (c) of the potential claims referred to at (a) above, how many are public liability claims;
- (d) of the potential claims referred to at (a) above, how many are medical negligence claims; and
- (e) of the potential claims referred to at (a) above, how many are currently handled by independent lawyers?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The following data cannot easily be provided retrospectively and was drawn on 17 August 2017. The data does not distinguish between children in care and those who have left care.

- (a) As of 17 August 2017 the Department's General Law Unit has 186 files in respect of claims or potential claims for compensation (other than Criminal Injuries Compensation) on behalf of children in care and care leavers.
- (b) 21
- (c) 159
- (d) 2
- (e) 160

In addition, there are 4 files regarding fatal accident claims.