

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — GOLDFIELDS

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

I refer to the child sexual abuse therapy program available in the goldfields region through Centrecare.

- (1) How many notifications has the department received relating to sexual abuse in the goldfields region this calendar year?
- (2) How many referrals have been made to Centrecare's child sexual abuse therapy program in the goldfields region this calendar year?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Between 1 January 2019 and 30 June 2019, the Department of Communities' goldfields district received 73 notifications of child sexual abuse. Five notifications of child sexual abuse received during this period were substantiated.
- (2) The Centrecare child sexual abuse therapy program can receive referrals from government departments, community sector agencies, schools and self-referrals. The Department of Communities has not yet received the data for referrals made to the Centrecare child sexual abuse therapy program for the 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019 reporting period. This report is due to the Department of Communities by 31 August 2019.