

FOSTER CARE — ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

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

I refer to the answer to my question without notice 795, asked on 13 September 2018, in which the house was told that it was not possible within the time required to advise how many reporting extensions had been agreed to by the district director overseeing the review into a male foster carer in Newman who has been served with a restraining order.

- (1) Was the district director on leave on 12 and 13 September 2018?
- (2) If yes to (1), was anyone acting in that position on those days?
- (3) If no to (1), did anyone in the minister's office attempt to call the district director on those days to get an answer to the question?
- (4) Does the minister maintain that it was not possible to inform the house how many extensions have been agreed to and the dates of those extensions?
- (5) Will the minister undertake to provide this information to the Legislative Council forthwith without any further delay?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) No. The Department of Communities was in contact with the district director to answer question without notice 795, provided today, as per the communications agreement between the Department of Communities and the ministerial office.
- (4) Please see response to question without notice 795.
- (5) Not applicable.