

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING — STAFF —
WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

Question without Notice 739 — Answer Advice

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Minister for Education and Training) [5.07 pm]: I would like to provide an answer to Hon Nick Goiran's question without notice 739 asked on 1 November 2017, and I seek leave to have it incorporated into *Hansard*.

Leave granted.

The following material was incorporated —

- (1) Yes.
- (2) As advised in the answer to QON266 asked on 16 August 2017, the number of staff without a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) card as of 3 August 2017 should correctly have been stated as 29. The answer provided on 15 August 2017 stated 31. However, when preparing the answer to QON 266, the Department of Education discovered that two of the 31 records were duplicate entries, meaning that the answer to QON23(b) should have been 29. In the period between 3 and 29 August 2017, eight of the 29 had obtained valid WWCC cards.
- (3) No. The answer was corrected and an explanation given in the answer to QON 266.
- (4) The Department is not made aware of the issue date of a WWCC card. The notification received from the Working with Children Screening Unit at the Department of Communities and the actual card issued only contains the expiry date of the card.

As these staff would have been on leave at the time of applying for the WECC cards, they would not have provided their site managers with their card details. This would occur on return to work, and their details would then be updated on the Department's system.

Person No (as identified in LC QON 266)	(Q4) Card Expiry Date
1	09/05/2020
2	07/08/2020
13	18/05/2020
14	01/03/2020
16	15/01/2020
19	20/01/2020
26	11/08/2019
28	16/08/2020

- (5) No.
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