

CHILDREN IN CARE — CLAIMS

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

I refer to the Minister's answer to my question without notice on 18 May 2017 regarding the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's policy, practice and procedure for the handling of potential claims for children in care, and I ask:

- (a) (a) how many matters are currently with the department's general law unit;
- (b) (b) further to (a), how many of these matters are for claims, whether they be potential or actual:
  - (i) (i) for children currently in care; and
  - (ii) (ii) for people formerly in care;
- (c) (c) further to (a), how many of these matters are for claims, whether they be potential or actual against the department;
- (d) (d) how many matters are currently with independent lawyers;
- (e) (e) further to (d), how many of these matters are for claims, whether they be potential or actual:
  - (i) (i) for children currently in care; and
  - (ii) (ii) for people formerly in care; and
- (f) (f) further to (d), how many of these matters are for claims, whether they be potential or actual against the department?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a)–(b) The General Law Unit has the following claim files:
  - 750 Criminal Injuries Compensation files
  - 156 Common Law claim files
  - 87 Other civil claims
- (i)–(ii) The data does not distinguish between children in care and those who have left care.
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- (d)–(e) The number of matters that are with independent lawyers:
  - 69 Criminal Injuries Compensation Claims
  - 142 Common Law Claims
  - 21 Other Civil Claims
- (i)–(ii) The data does not distinguish between children in care and those who have left care.
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