

CHILDREN IN CARE — RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS

2332. Hon Alison Xamon to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to children in the care of the CEO who are in residential care placements, and I ask:

- (a) (a) how many children are currently in residential care placements;
- (b) (b) what ages are the children in (a);
- (c) (c) how many of the children in (a) are:
 - (i) Aboriginal;
 - (ii) male;
 - (iii) have been diagnosed with a disability; and
 - (iv) have been diagnosed with fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD); and
- (d) (d) will the Minister please advise the average length of time the children in (a) have been in residential care for:
 - (i) all children currently in residential care;
 - (ii) children aged 12 years and under;
 - (iii) children aged 10 years and under;
 - (iv) children with a diagnosed disability; and
 - (v) children with a FASD diagnosis?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

The data below was captured on 30 June 2019.

- (a) There were 403 children in residential care placements.
- (b) The number of children by age group is as follows:
 - 13 aged 1 to 4 years;
 - 81 aged 5 to 9 years;
 - 185 aged 10 to 14 years; and
 - 124 aged 15 years and older.
- (c) The characteristics of the children were as follows:
 - (i) 243 Aboriginal and 160 non-Aboriginal;
 - (ii) 228 male and 175 female;
 - (iii) 52 have a recorded disability; and
 - (iv) 12 with a record of foetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD).
- (d) The average length of time these children have been in residential care is as follows:
 - (i) 340 days for all children;
 - (ii) 344 days for children aged 12 years and under;
 - (iii) 356 days for children aged 10 years and under;
 - (iv) 85 days for children with a recorded disability; and
 - (v) 321 days for children with a record of FASD.