

YOUNG PEOPLE WITH EXCEPTIONALLY COMPLEX NEEDS PROGRAM

1226. Hon ALISON XAMON to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs program.

- (1) How many young people are currently participating in the YPECN program?
- (2) How many young people are currently on the YPECN waiting list?
- (3) If there is no waiting list for YPECN, how does the department track how many young people require the support provided through YPECN?
- (4) Has the review of YPECN been completed?
- (5) Who undertook this review?
- (6) If yes to (4), will the minister please table the review report?
- (7) If no to (6), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) There are 12 young people participating in the program.
- (2) The Young People with Exceptionally Complex Needs program does not run a waitlist.
- (3) This is due to the changing circumstance for children in this cohort. Therefore, when a YPECN placement becomes available, the Department of Communities places a call to partner agencies to submit suitable referrals for allocation of the YPECN placements, which may comprise those previously referred.
- (4) Yes.
- (5) Shelby Consulting undertook the review.
- (6) No.
- (7) The Department of Communities is currently reviewing and considering the recommendations.