

DEPARTMENT FOR CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT — SCREENING UNIT

25. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:
- (1) I refer to the Department for Child Protection and Family Support Screening Unit, and I ask, is this unit responsible for screening staff and foster carers?
 - (2) Is this unit a separate team from the Working With Children Check Screening Unit?
 - (3) Does this unit coordinate actions required to ensure compliance in relation to negative notices?
 - (4) How many negative notices were brought to the attention of the unit in the calendar year 2016?
 - (5) Do any compliance actions remain outstanding from those negative notices from 2016?
 - (6) If yes to (5), how many?
 - (7) Were any employees or carers, who did not have a valid card or application in process, reported to their line management in the calendar year 2016?
 - (8) If yes to (7), do all now have a valid card?
 - (9) If no to (8), why not?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

- (1) Yes, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) Screening Unit conducts screening for people engaged by the Department, including staff and foster carers.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes.
- (4) There were 17 Negative Notices in the 2016 calendar year.
- (5) No.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Yes. The Department monitors Working with Children card compliance for staff and carers on an ongoing basis.
- (8) Yes.
- (9) Not applicable.