

FOSTER CARE — ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

690. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the Leader of the House's answer to my question without notice 622, asked on 21 August 2018, in which she informed the house that a male foster carer in Newman has been served with a restraining order and that the department is reviewing his status as a foster carer.

- (1) When did the review commence?
- (2) When is the review expected to be completed?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The review commenced on 13 June 2018.
- (2) Given the complex nature of carer reviews, inquiries are ongoing and are dependent on individual circumstances. In addition to the review, the Department of Communities continues to take the necessary steps to appropriately protect and support children. If any concerns for child safety are raised, they will be investigated and, if required, will be acted upon immediately.