

CHILD PROTECTION — CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE — ROEBOURNE

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

I refer to the article “Paedophilia, the curse that stalks Pilbara town of Roebourne” published in *The Australian* on 23 September 2017, which stated that by June 2017 there were 184 victims of child sex offences, and I ask:

- (a) how many of the 184 victims are currently:
 - (i) in the care of the department;
 - (ii) not in the care of the department, but being monitored by the department; and
 - (iii) not in the care of the department or being monitored by the department, but known to the department;
- (b) of the 184 victims, how many are no longer living in Roebourne as a result of intervention by the department; and
- (c) are any of the 184 victims currently residing with a person:
 - (i) convicted of one or more child sex offences; and
 - (ii) charged with one or more child sex offences?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Roebourne is a very small community and providing detailed information as asked by the member could result in the identification of children and young people affected.

The Government is monitoring the current situation in Roebourne and is satisfied the Department of Communities is taking the necessary steps to appropriately protect and support children and families who have been affected.