

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE — REFERRALS TO

1950. Hon Donna Faragher to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Health:

- (1) In 2023, how many referrals were made to the metropolitan Child Development Service to provide assessment, early intervention and treatment services to children for the following services:
- (a) Audiology;
  - (b) Occupational Therapy;
  - (c) Paediatrician;
  - (d) Physiotherapy;
  - (e) Clinical Psychology; and
  - (f) Speech Pathology?
- (2) Of those referrals in (1), how many were submitted by:
- (a) a parent or legal guardian; and
  - (b) a professional?

**Hon Pierre Yang replied:**

(1)

| <b>Discipline Name</b>     | <b>Number of Referrals in 2023</b> |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Audiologist            | 3,159                              |
| (b) Occupational Therapist | 6,042                              |
| (c) Paediatrician          | 6,709                              |
| (d) Physiotherapist        | 4,375                              |
| (e) Clinical Psychologist  | 2,189                              |
| (f) Speech Pathologist     | 8,417                              |

(2)

| <b>Referrer</b>  | <b>Number of Referrals in 2023</b> |
|------------------|------------------------------------|
| (a) Parent       | 765                                |
| (b) Professional | 30,126                             |