

NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY ASSESSMENT SERVICE

241. Hon DONNA FARAGHER to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services:

I refer to the Department of Communities neurodevelopmental disability assessment service.

- (1) How many children are currently on the waitlist for an autism spectrum disorder assessment in the following age groups —
 - (a) pre-school; and
 - (b) school aged?
- (2) What is the current median wait time for children to access an autism spectrum disorder assessment in the following age groups —
 - (a) pre-school; and
 - (b) school aged?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Disability Services.

- (1) As of today, 21 March 2024, the number of children currently on the Communities waitlist for an autism spectrum disorder assessment is —
 - (a) 414 for early intervention, birth to school year pre-primary inclusive; and
 - (b) 596 for school age, year 1 to age 17 inclusive.
- (2) The median wait time for children allocated for an ASD assessment this financial year by Communities is —
 - (a) 10 months for early intervention, birth to school year pre-primary inclusive; and
 - (b) 19 months for school aged, year 1 to age 17 inclusive.