

CHILD PROTECTION — MANDATORY REPORTING

875. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the minister's answers to questions prior to the 2021–22 budget estimates hearing, which state that all 4 272 mandatory reports received in 2020–21 were referred to the WA Police Force but that only 656 investigations were completed.

- (1) Does the minister or the department receive updates from the WA Police Force about the status and outcomes of these mandatory reports?
- (2) If yes to (1), what is the frequency of these updates?
- (3) For the backlog of 3 616 incomplete investigations of mandatory reports for 2020–21, are the people yet to be investigated permitted to continue working with children?

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 Child Protection.

It is not possible to provide the information required within the time frame, but I will endeavour to have a response for the honourable member on the next sitting day.