

CHILDREN IN CARE — WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

26. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the answer on 28 November 2023 to my question without notice 1512.

- (1) Has the child recorded in the placement type “missing” been found?
- (2) For how many days was the child recorded as missing?
- (3) How many children who are in the care of the CEO have their whereabouts currently recorded as —
 - (a) unaccounted for—in contact;
 - (b) unaccounted for—not in contact; or
 - (c) missing?
- (4) For the calendar year 2023, how many children who were in the care of the CEO had their whereabouts recorded as missing and consequently were reported by the department to the Western Australia Police Force as a missing person?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Child Protection.

The Department of Communities advises as at 27 February 2024 —

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Nine days.
- (3)
 - (a) Two children;
 - (b) Two children; and
 - (c) Nil.
- (4) Missing persons reports to WA police relating to children in the care of the CEO are held on individual case files; this data is not held centrally.