

WA COUNTRY HEALTH SERVICE — SCHOOL ENTRY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

1952. Hon Donna Faragher to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the WA Country Health Service's School Entry Health Assessment, which is offered to all children in the year they start school, and I ask:

- (a) how many School Entry Health Assessments were conducted in 2023; and
- (b) of those assessments referred to in (a), how many resulted in a referral to the following services provided by the WA Country Health Service:
  - (i) physiotherapy;
  - (ii) occupational therapy;
  - (iii) speech pathology;
  - (iv) audiology;
  - (v) paediatrician; and
  - (vi) clinical psychology?

**Hon Pierre Yang replied:**

- (a) 6,589 School Entry Health Assessments (SEHA's) were conducted in 2023.
- (b)

Service	No. of referrals
(i) Physiotherapy	6
(ii) Occupational Therapy	21
(iii) Speech Pathology	80
(iv) Audiology	106
(v) Paediatrician*	-
(vi) Clinical Psychology*	-
CDS/Other	448
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>669</b>

\* Referrals to Clinical Psychology and Paediatricians are managed via an intake process (noted as 'CDS/Other' in the table above) rather than as a direct referral, therefore cannot be separated in this data. Referrals to services such as dietetics, social work, dental and optical services may also be included in 'CDS/Other'.