

CHILD PROTECTION — ABORIGINAL FAMILY-LED DECISION MAKING PILOT

1360. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the minister representing the Minister for Early Childhood Education; Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

I refer to the McGowan Government's investment of \$715,000 to trial an Aboriginal Family Led Decision Making (AFLDM) pilot in the Midwest Gascoyne region, and I ask:

- (a) how many families have been referred by the Department to AFLDM in Geraldton;
- (b) what percentage of families referred by the Department to AFLDM have successfully completed the AFLDM process;
- (c) how many families who engaged in AFLDM have had a child removed within 12 months of completion of the process; and
- (d) what percentage of families referred by the Department to AFLDM have been referred back to the service within 12 months?

Hon Jackie Jarvis replied:

The Department of Communities advise:

- (a) Following advice from the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation, referrals were strategically staggered for the first year of the project and initially were from Geraldton-based families. 29 families have been referred.
- (b) In the first year, 36 per cent; 32 per cent continued in the program.
- (c) In the first year, zero.
- (d) In the first year, zero.