

CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATIONS — CHILD PROTECTION

1142. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to an article in *The West Australian* of 7 December 2021 titled “COVID-19 vaccination in WA: Almost 2000 public servants face sack after refusing vaccination”.

- (1) How many of the 1 939 unvaccinated workers are child protection workers?
- (2) What measures is the department putting in place to ensure that case loads do not exceed the recommended limit of 15, notwithstanding that some caseworkers are facing the sack?
- (3) How many caseworkers currently have a case load in excess of 15?

Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:

On behalf of the parliamentary secretary, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided by the Minister for Child Protection.

- (1)–(2) I have been advised that there is no impact to services and all workers captured by the direction are required to comply.
- (3) For the current reporting period, the number of caseworkers holding case loads over the recommended limit of 15, as per the monthly workload management report, was 81.