

**COMMUNITIES — CHILDREN WITH HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS —
RESIDENTIAL CARE — REVIEW**

Notice of Motion

Hon Nick Goiran gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That this house —

- (1) Thanks the Commissioner for Children and Young People for his *Independent review into the Department of Communities' policies and practices in the placement of children with harmful sexual behaviours in residential care settings*.
- (2) Notes with grave concern the commissioner's damning findings, which expose that —
 - (a) children raised their concerns, and these were not responded to in a timely manner;
 - (b) the information and knowledge management systems of the department are not fit for purpose and impede decision-making for children and young people and organisational accountability;
 - (c) the department does not have a cohesive or effective framework or policy, practices or services to understand and respond to children and young people with harmful sexual behaviours;
 - (d) the department does not consistently ensure that high-quality and safe care by well-trained and supported staff and carers is provided to children and young people in the care of the CEO in residential care;
 - (e) the department's risk assessment and management strategies are not effective in consistently preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children and young people in residential care; and
 - (f) the department's internal safeguards and review mechanisms do not contribute effectively to the safety of children and young people in residential care.
- (3) Calls on the government to urgently provide a precise and time-bound plan of how it proposes to address the commissioner's findings and recommendations.