

CHILD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

1947. Hon Donna Faragher to the parliamentary secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to Child Development Services (CDS) provided through the Child and Adolescent Health Service, and I ask:

- (a) how many referrals to the CDS were accepted in the following years:
 - (i) 2021;
 - (ii) 2022; and
 - (iii) 2023; and
- (b) how many CDS service planning appointments were undertaken in the following years:
 - (i) 2021;
 - (ii) 2022; and
 - (iii) 2023?

Hon Pierre Yang replied:

The number of service planning appointments provided can be impacted by a range of factors, for example, changes in recording practices. In 2023 speech pathology piloted a combined service planning appointment and assessment for a targeted cohort of referrals and these appointments were recorded as an assessment rather than service planning appointments.

- (a)
 - (i) 33,757
 - (ii) 32,913
 - (iii) 35,991
- (b)
 - (i) 10,890
 - (ii) 9,993
 - (iii) 9,288