

**Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
2022-23 Budget estimates - additional questions**

Western Australia Police Force

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

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- (e) how many Child sex offenders are police currently monitoring with Court Orders that allow them time to spend time with children;

Answer:

The Sex Crime Division records information in relation to Reportable Offenders (RO) or High Risk Serious Offenders (HRSO) who reside with, or have unsupervised contact with children, but does not record details of Family Court orders. As a result the WA Police Force does not hold this data, as there is no requirement for a child sex offender to advise police of a court order allowing them to spend time with children.

The *Community Protection (Offender Reporting) Act 2004* only requires a reportable offender report:

- Any unsupervised contact with children; and
- Names and ages of any children who generally reside in the same household.

Where a Reportable Offender resides with, or has access to, children this is factored into the monitoring and reporting regime applied by the Serious Offender Management Squad (SOMS).

- (f) how are police notified by the Department of Communities that a child is living with a convicted sex offender; and

Answer:

The Department of Communities contacts the Western Australia Police Force Sex Crimes Division.

Minister's initials

