



**Estimates and Financial Operations Committee
2017-18 Annual Report hearings session 2 - Late reports**

Department of Health

Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1. During the reporting period:
- (a) What was the maximum and minimum number of Department of Health employees in child-related work who did not on any particular day have a valid Working with Children Check card;

Answer: Zero (0). The Department of Health does not have any positions that are designated as undertaking child related work requiring a Working with Children checks.

- (b) On what date did that maximum occur; and

Answer: Not applicable.

- (c) On what date did that minimum number occur?

Answer: Not applicable.

2. During the reporting period:
- (a) What was the maximum and minimum number of Department of Health employees in child-related work who did not on any particular day have a valid Working with Children Check card or an application in process;

Answer: Zero (0). The Department of Health does not have any positions that are designated as undertaking child related work requiring a Working with Children checks.

- (b) On what date did that maximum occur; and

Answer: Not applicable.

- (c) On what date did that minimum number occur?

Answer: Not applicable.

3. During the reporting period how many Working With Children Check negative notices were issued to employees of the Department of Health?

Answer: Zero (0). The Department of Health does not have any positions that are designated as undertaking child related work requiring a Working with Children checks.

4. During the reporting period:

- (a) did work begin on the 2013-2015 triennial report on induced abortions;

Answer: Yes.

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(b) was the report expected to be released in the last quarter of 2017;

Answer: Yes.

(c) Was this done;

Answer: No.

(d) If no to (c), why not;

Answer: Because of unexpected circumstances affecting the availability of staff resources at the time, the project was allocated a new timeframe which put the release back by several months.

(e) has the report now been completed; and

Answer: Yes, the report was published on the internet on Wednesday 11 July 2018.
<https://ww2.health.wa.gov.au/Reports-and-publications/Reports-on-induced-abortions-in-Western-Australia>

(f) If yes to (e), will you table the report?

Answer: As answered above, the report is publically available on the internet.

5. During the reporting period:

(a) was there any communication between the Department and the Coroner on the obligations of medical practitioners to report deaths of babies born alive after abortions;

Answer: The Principal Registrar of the Coroners Court communicated with the Health Director General.

(b) On what dates did this communication occur;

Answer: 8 September 2017.

(c) Was this communication in written or verbal form;

Answer: Written.

(d) Will you table the written communication; and

Answer: Approval will be sought from the Coroners Court before release.

Will you table any documents created recording the outcome of the verbal communication?

Answer: Not applicable.

