

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

**WRITTEN QUESTION**

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

**Child Protection Notifications**

The KPI of child protection notifications shows an increase in the 2022/23 Budget Paper 3, page 158. This is short of the target of 1000. Note 2 on the same page states this is 'due to an increase in child protection notifications received from professional notifiers, which was inflated due to COVID-19'.

1. Please provide a more detailed explanation for this variation?
2. Please elaborate on matters that professionals were notifying due to COVID that they weren't before?
3. Please provide a breakdown of the source of child protection notifications (i.e. professional notifier, family member, etc.) for the financial years 2021/22, 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18?