

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Territory Families:

Foster Care

1. How many Foster Care records have been found to have:
 - a. Incorrect dates?
 - b. Incorrect names of children?
 - c. Incomplete reports?
 - d. Conflicting information?
 - e. Documentation completed tardily?
2. How many complaints have been received by Territory Families from Foster Carers?
3. How many complaints have been made against Foster Carers?
4. How many Carers have misled the Department regarding their Aboriginality?
5. How many placement agreements are in place between Territory Families and Foster Carers?
6. How many unannounced residence checks have occurred since you implemented this policy?
7. How are you improving communications between SafeNT and Territory Families regarding screening and provision of Ochre cards? What funding is provided for this?
8. From 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018, how many carer risk management plans were reviewed?
9. What funding is provided for training foster and kinship carers in understanding trauma?
10. How are you involving children in decisions about their lives? How many child interviews were conducted in the presence of the carer from 1 July 2017 to 31 March 2018?

11. When will your review of Carer and Assessment Support processes be complete? Will you make the review public?
 12. The Children's Commissioner Recommendation number 5 on page 25 of the Commissioner's own Initiative Investigation into services provided by Territory Families is that Territory Families conduct community service checks of applicant carers. Are you doing this?
 13. How many potential criminal matters concerning carers (assault, negligently endangering life) have been referred to NT Police between 1 July 2017 and 31 March 2018?
 14. How many prosecutions against negligent carers have resulted in convictions?
 15. How much has your agency expended on legal advice in relation to civil claims against the Department / CEO?
 16. How many applications for psychological services have been received by Territory Families from Foster Carers for children in their care from 1 July 2017 to date?
 17. How many applications have been refused?
 18. How many Foster Carers have been registered / deregistered from 1 July 2017 to date?
 19. You state you are working with the Australian Childhood Foundation to develop and implement a therapeutic model of residential care. Has this model been developed?
 20. With reference to the Safe, Thriving and Connected plan under the Youth Justice Output of Budget paper 3 page 253, how many children have the Transition from Care Officers assisted?
 21. How many new Transition from Care Officers have you recruited and what is the budget allocation for the new officers? Where are the officers located?
 22. How long after leaving care can care-leavers continue to access assistance from Territory Families?
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