

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Edgington to the Minister for the Prevention of Domestic Family and Sexual Violence:

**Children with Substantiations Associated with Domestic or Family Violence**

In 2022/23 Budget Paper 3, page 158, the KPI for the number of unique children with substantiations associated with domestic or family violence was 820 in 2021/22, the estimate for 2021/22 was 895, and the KPI in 2022/23 is 1 000. Note 10 on the same page states that the increase is due to “improved domestic and family violence practices through implementation of the Safe and Together model, as more people are reporting incidents due to ease of reporting. The department is also better able to identify where domestic violence is a factor through integration of the improved practices.”

1. Please provide a more detailed explanation of this note? Does this indicate that prior to the “improved practices” domestic violence against children was under-reported or under-substantiated?