

CHILD PROTECTION — SUSPECTED ABUSE

104. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:

- (1) For the period, 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013, what was the number of initial inquiries in relation to suspected child sexual abuse received, by district and by category of mandated referrer?
- (2) For the period, 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013, what was the number of Safety and Wellbeing Assessment with harm assessment, by district and by category of harm:
 - (a) neglect;
 - (b) sexual;
 - (c) physical abuse; and
 - (d) emotional abuse?
- (3) Has Western Australia Police notified the Department of Child Protection that charges had been in respect of any of the Safety and Wellbeing Assessments recorded in the period 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many individuals were charged and what was the nature of these charges?

Hon Helen Morton replied:

- (1) For the period, 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013, there were 882 initial inquiries for a child where the primary concern was sexual abuse, in the following districts:

Armadale — 74
Cannington — 60
Crisis Care — 230
East Kimberley — 38
Fremantle — 16
Goldfields — 29
Great Southern — 44
Joondalup — 55
Midland — 46
Mirrabooka — 29
Murchison — 46
Peel — 29
Perth — 15
Pilbara — 15
Rockingham — 67
South West — 38
West Kimberley — 19
Wheatbelt — 32.

By category of mandated reporter:

Doctor — 102
Midwife — 3
Nurse — 69
Police officer — 282
Teacher or principal — 206
Non-mandated referrers — 220.
- (2) For the period, 1 March 2013 to 31 May 2013, there were 3,134 safety and wellbeing assessments, in the following districts:

Armadale — 228
Cannington — 239
Crisis Care — 192
East Kimberley — 153
Fremantle — 103
Goldfields — 116
Great Southern — 155
Joondalup — 131

Midland — 242
Mirrabooka — 239
Murchison — 247
Peel — 99
Perth — 99
Pilbara — 168
Rockingham — 311
South West — 153
West Kimberley — 74
Wheatbelt — 185.

By category of harm:

- (a) Neglect — 1,091
 - (b) Sexual — 900
 - (c) Physical — 757
 - (d) Emotional/psychological — 1,131.
- (3) These details may be recorded on individual case files but they are not collected in the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's client information system in a way that can be reported on an aggregated basis.
- (4) As outlined in (3), these data are not routinely collected.