

CHILDREN IN CARE — WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

**101. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the answer to my question without notice on 27 February 2024.

- (1) Have the two children recorded in the unaccounted for—not in contact placement type been found?
- (2) For how many days were the whereabouts of the two children unknown?
- (3) Has the department reported either child to WA police as a missing person?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many days after they were first unaccounted for did this occur?
- (5) How many children who are in the care of the CEO have their whereabouts currently recorded as —
  - (a) unaccounted for—in contact;
  - (b) unaccounted for—not in contact; or
  - (c) missing?

**Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Child Protection. The Department of Communities advises the following as at 12 March 2024.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) They were recorded as missing for four and 10 days.
- (3) No.
- (4) Not applicable.
- (5)
  - (a) It was three children;
  - (b) three children; and
  - (c) one child.