

ADDITIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WORKERS AND SPECIALIST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE POLICE OFFICERS

**1450. Hon DERRICK TOMLINSON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Community Development:**

- (1) Of the 24 extra child protection workers and the eight specialist domestic violence police officers promised by the Premier in response to the Gordon report, how many have been appointed and when were they appointed?
- (2) Where are the additional officers located, and which indigenous communities do they serve?

**Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1) There are 25 new child protection worker positions. Six workers commenced in September 2003, eight commenced in October 2003, and, so far, one worker has commenced in November 2003. The Minister for Police will respond in relation to the domestic violence police officers.
- (2) Child protection workers are at Armadale; Fremantle; Midland; Mirrabooka; Princess Margaret Hospital's evidentiary unit, four officers; Rockingham; Mandurah; Broome; Derby; Halls Creek; Roebourne; and Port Hedland.

I now turn to the response from the Minister for Police.

- (1)-(2) The Western Australia Police Service advises that a total of 14 child protection and family violence officers have been appointed. Six of these officers were appointed in July 2003, and the remaining eight were appointed in the first week of November 2003. A child protection and family violence sergeant will be placed at each of the 14 police districts throughout the State ensuring that all indigenous communities are serviced.