

CHILD PROTECTION — RESPONSIBLE PARENTING AGREEMENTS

**53. Hon Sally Talbot to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) For the period, 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements have the Department for Child Protection implemented?
- (2) How many of those Responsible Parenting Agreements listed above originated from a referral from another State Government Department, and how many were referred by each department?
- (3) How many parents approached to enter into a Responsible Parenting Agreement during this period, refused the agreement?
- (4) How many Responsible Parenting Agreements included an agreement for the parents to:
  - (a) take part in counselling or parenting skills training;
  - (b) take reasonable steps to ensure their child attends school;
  - (c) take reasonable steps to ensure their child avoids contact with particular people or places; or; and
  - (d) undertake other measures?
- (5) How many juveniles, whose parents agreed to a Responsible Parenting Agreement have:
  - (a) improved their attendance at school; and
  - (b) re-offended since the Agreement was made?

**Hon Helen Morton replied:**

- (1) For the period, 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013, 132 Responsible Parenting Agreements were entered into.
- (2) Of these 132 agreements, 70 originated from another State Government department:
  - a. Department for Child Protection and Family Support — 53
  - b. Department of Corrective Services — 28
  - c. Department of Education — 24
  - d. Western Australia Police — 15
  - e. Community sector agencies — 4
  - f. Department of Health — 2
  - g. Parent or guardian — 2
  - h. Department for Communities — 1
  - i. Community member — 1
  - j. Other relative — 1
  - k. Education (non-government sector) — 1.
- (3) These data 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.
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- (5) Given the program's six month duration, it is too early to comment on the outcomes of these agreements.

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