

CHILD PROTECTION — SUSPECTED ABUSE

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

- (1) For the period, 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, 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 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, 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 WA 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 September 2012 to 30 November 2012?
- (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 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, there were 1,004 initial inquiries for a child where the primary concern was sexual abuse, in the following districts:

Armadale — 70  
Cannington — 48  
Crisis Care — 236  
East Kimberley — 31  
Fremantle — 36  
Goldfields — 44  
Great Southern — 26  
Joondalup — 58  
Midland — 60  
Mirrabooka — 47  
Murchison — 58  
Peel — 22  
Perth — 43  
Pilbara — 22  
Rockingham — 94  
South West — 42  
West Kimberley — 20  
Wheatbelt — 47.

By category of mandated reporter:

Doctor — 82  
Midwife — 7  
Nurse — 70  
Police officer — 328  
Teacher or principal — 241

Non-mandated referrers — 283.

- (2) For the period, 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012, there were 2,916 safety and wellbeing assessments with harm concerns, in the following districts:

Armadale — 230  
Cannington — 210  
Crisis Care — 190  
East Kimberley — 85  
Fremantle — 121  
Goldfields — 151  
Great Southern — 58  
Joondalup — 232  
Midland — 258  
Mirrabooka — 260

Murchison — 191  
Peel — 97  
Perth — 103  
Pilbara — 98  
Rockingham — 274  
South West — 143  
West Kimberley — 77  
Wheatbelt — 138.

By category of harm:

- (a) Neglect — 1,077
  - (b) Sexual — 902
  - (c) Physical — 936
  - (d) Emotional/psychological — 1,089.
- (3) These data are not routinely collected in the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's client information system. Questions regarding charges should be referred to the Minister for Police.
- (4) As outlined in (3), these data are not routinely collected.