

CHILD DEATH REVIEW COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF CASES BY OUTSIDE CONTRACTOR

1582. Mr T.R. Buswell to the Minister for Community Development

- (1) Can the Minister confirm that a third party organisation was contracted to review the backlog of cases for the Child Death Review Committee's 2005-06 report?
- (2) Why, given the sensitive nature of these child death cases, it is appropriate for these cases to be reviewed outside of the Child Death Review Committee?
- (3) What is the name of the organisation or organisations which were contracted to help the Child Death Review Committee with its reviews?
- (4) When and by whom was the committee authorised to put out these contracts and how much was paid to each individual contractor?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) The Minister ensures that the Child Death Review Committee has resources available to support the review process, and in 2005/06 additional resources were provided for the Child Death Review Committee to review outstanding cases.

No third party organisation was contracted to review Child Death Review cases in the 2005-06 report.

- (2)-(4) Not applicable.