

DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - STATISTICS ON CHILDREN IN CARE AND
CHILD ABUSE ALLEGATIONS

2219. Mr M.J. Birney to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) With reference to children under the care of the Department of Community Development (DCD), how many allegations of child abuse were reported in the last quarter (please provide breakdown of categories eg sexual, physical etc)?
- (2) How many foster carers were actively caring for children in Western Australia during the last quarter?
- (3) How many children were under the care of the DCD during the last quarter (including foster care etc)?
- (4) How much money did the State Government pay out to child victims of sexual abuse in Western Australia last quarter?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1) 21 allegations between 1 January 2007 - 31 March 2007:
neglect was alleged in 2 cases
sexual abuse was alleged in 7
physical abuse was alleged in 9
emotional abuse was alleged in 3
- (2) 1,171 foster care households had children placed for some period of time during 1 January and 31 March 2007
- (3) 2,694
- (4) \$0