

Division 9: Commissioner for Children and Young People —

[Supplementary Information No A35.]

Question: Mr P.A. Katsambanis asked: How many contacts, specifically in relation to Roebourne, has the commission had with directors general concerning matters about young people impacting their agencies, and what were the nature of those contacts?

Answer: In October 2016 I was advised of the WA Police investigation into the alleged sexual abuse of children in Roebourne. Since January 2017 my office has had 8 meetings with the head of the agency leading the support intervention for children and 5 meetings with senior police regarding their work. My office has also had 3 meetings each with heads of other agencies who provide some additional component of support such as education and health care. Consistent with the role of my office the nature of these meetings has been to discuss the provision of development and support for the community of Roebourne at a systemic level to respond to the wellbeing and safety needs of children and young people.