

MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — PORTFOLIOS — DEBT COLLECTION AGENCIES

5146. Dr M.D. Nahan to the Minister for Child Protection; Women's Interests; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services:

For all departments, agencies, government trading enterprises or boards within the Minister's portfolio responsibilities, I ask:

- (a) (a) Do any have contracts with Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd or similar debt collection agencies for the recovery of fines, overdue amounts or debts; and
- (b) (b) if yes to (a):
 - (i) What is the name of the debt collection agency;
 - (ii) What is the total amount currently being recovered by the debt collection agency and how many individual debts does this amount comprise; and
 - (iii) What was the total amount sent for recovery by the debt collection agency in 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date, and how many individual debts does each of these amount comprise each year?

Ms S.F. McGurk replied:

This answer covers multiple Ministers' portfolios, including Disability Services, Seniors and Ageing, Volunteering, Housing, Veterans Issues, Youth, as well as my Child Protection, Women's Interests, Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and Community Services portfolios.

This answer also encompasses the Department of Communities and the legacy agencies whose functions were amalgamated into the Department of Communities from 1 July 2017.

- (a) Yes, this answer pertains to contracts with Baycorp (WA) Pty Limited. If the Member has a question about another debt collection agency, I would encourage him to be more specific.
- (b) (i) Baycorp (WA) Pty Ltd
- (ii) As at 29 May 2019, \$24,474,575 consisting of 5,965 debts.
- (iii)

Calendar Year	Number of Debts	Amount (\$)
2016	1,200	\$7,699,789
2017	3,188	\$12,276,454
2018	5,632	\$13,873,674
2019 (January to May)	2,077	\$8,400,278