

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - STATE WARDS

1814. Dr E. Constable to the Minister representing the Minister for Child Protection

- (1) How many children became state wards in each of the following years -
 - (a) 2001-2002;
 - (b) 2002-2003;
 - (c) 2003-2004;
 - (d) 2004-2005;
 - (e) 2005-2006; and
 - (f) 2006-2007?
- (2) What was the distribution orders made for children to become state wards in each year in (1) by the following age ranges -
 - (a) under 2 years;
 - (b) 2 to 6 years;
 - (c) 7 to 11 years;
 - (d) 12 to 16 years; and
 - (e) 17 years and older?
- (3) How many state wards in each year in (1) were orphans?
- (4) How many children in each year in (1) were of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

The Department of Child Protection advice the following;

- (1)
 - (a) 291
 - (b) 231
 - (c) 254
 - (d) 281
 - (e) 349
 - (f) 276 (to 31 January 2007)
- (2)(a) under 2 years:
 - (a) 66
 - (b) 66
 - (c) 88
 - (d) 99
 - (e) 88
 - (f) 66
- (2)(b) 2 to 6 years
 - (a) 80
 - (b) 72
 - (c) 80
 - (d) 95
 - (e) 137
 - (f) 82
- (2)(c) 7 to 11 years:
 - (a) 69
 - (b) 62
 - (c) 62
 - (d) 63
 - (e) 83
 - (f) 77
- (2)(d) 12 to 16 years:
 - (a) 55
 - (b) 27
 - (c) 24
 - (d) 24

- (e) 40
- (f) 51
- (2)(e) 17 years and older:
 - (a) 21
 - (b) 4
 - (c) 0
 - (d) 0
 - (e) 1
 - (f) 0
- (3) It is not possible to determine from the database if a child is an orphan at the time an order is issued.
- (4)
 - (a) 105
 - (b) 72
 - (d) 96
 - (e) 91
 - (f) 154
 - (g) 111