

Division 36: Child Protection and Family Support —

[Supplementary Information No B28.]

Question: Dr A.D. Buti asked: What is the number of foster households that have more than two children in care at any one time? What amount did the department spend on foster care recruitment in 2012–13? What amount has been spent so far? What is budgeted to be spent in 2014–15?

Answer:

The Department for Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) spent \$351,000 (GST exclusive) on the retention and recruitment of foster carers in 2012-13, this expenditure includes an additional allocation for the state-wide media recruitment campaign which commenced in September 2012. The Department's 2013-14 expenditure as at 30 April 2014 was \$58,000 (GST exclusive) with an anticipated full-year spend of \$70,000 (GST exclusive). The Department has allocated \$120,000 for the retention and recruitment of foster carers in 2014-15.

[Supplementary Information No B29.]

Question: Mr D.J. Kelly asked: How much has been spent in the last two years on Oracle's PeopleSoft program?

Answer:

Over the last two years the Department for Child Protection and Family Support has paid the Oracle Corporation \$552,403 for PeopleSoft software licenses, with \$358,198 in 2012-13 and \$194,205 to April 2014.

[Supplementary Information No B30.]

Question: Mr D.J. Kelly asked: How many iPads have been rolled out in the department and at what cost? Which offices have been given iPads and for what purpose?

Answer:

There have been a total of 159 iPads at a cost of \$115,385 purchased by the Department over the last three years in the following offices:

Head Office

Emergency Services

Learning and Development Centre

Fostering and Adoptions

Residential Care

Secure Care

Working with Children Screening Unit

ChildFirst

District Offices

East Kimberley

West Kimberley

Pilbara

Murchison

Goldfields

Wheatbelt

Peel

South West

Great Southern

Joondalup

Mirrabooka

Midland

Perth

Fremantle

Cannington

Armadale

Rockingham

iPads are utilised in the Department as business devices to increase staff productivity by, for example, enabling:

- employees to continue to have access to departmental systems and remain in contact while out of the office;
- managers to provide direction and approvals to child protection staff via email;
- aspects of the human resources system to be accessed externally to ensure leave and other approvals are processed in a timely manner;
- staff to access emergency response applications and information when establishing Evacuation Centres and providing welfare support;
- Best Beginnings workers to conduct program tasks with parents in their homes; and
- children in care to complete surveys about the quality of their care.

[Supplementary Information No B31.]

Question: Mr D.J. Kelly asked: As at 31 May, what are the locations of the 58 additional child protection workers?

Answer:

As advised on 20 May 2014, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support (the Department) is in the process of determining the location allocation of the additional 58 FTE and the final allocation will not be available until 31 May 2014. The Department's provisional allocation of the 38 additional caseworker positions has 21 FTE allocated to districts located in the metropolitan area and 17 FTE allocated to districts in country locations. The equivalent of an additional 20 FTE will be allocated to the 15 Department operated metropolitan residential care services and the 8 Department operated country residential services to address the additional staffing requirements for each facility.