

COMMUNITIES — CASEWORKERS

792. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the minister's answer to parts (5) and (6) of question without notice 613 asked on 10 August 2022 regarding case load numbers.

- (1) Given that question asked for the current case loads of caseworkers, why was information limited to case loads as at 1 July 2022?
- (2) How many caseworkers currently have a case load over the recommended limit of 15?
- (3) How many caseworkers currently have a case load over the exceptional limit of 18?
- (4) Is the department involved in any industrial action with a former caseworker who had a case load over the exceptional limit?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Workload management reporting is a point-in-time report produced on the first Friday of every month. The honourable member's question was asked on 10 August 2022, so the most recent finalised results —

Hon Nick Goiran interjected.

Hon SUE ELLERY: President.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon SUE ELLERY: Perhaps in my position as Leader of the House, I will make this point: the whole of the bureaucracy does not exist to provide information for Hon Nick Goiran. It does provide information at a time that is the most effective use of taxpayers' money, and that is what this answer sets out.

Hon Nick Goiran interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon SUE ELLERY: Workload management reporting is a point-in-time report produced on the first Friday of every month. The honourable member's question was asked on 10 August 2022, so the —

Hon Nick Goiran interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Honourable member, I would encourage you to hold your interjection until the completion of the answer.

Hon SUE ELLERY: I also make the point that this is question time. It is your time. If you want me to keep repeating the answer, I will. But let us start again.

Hon Nick Goiran interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon SUE ELLERY: It is your members' time. I do not care if you waste it, but maybe you want to ask them.

- (1) Workload management reporting is a point-in-time report produced on the first Friday of every month. The honourable member's question was asked on 10 August 2022, so the most recent finalised results for July 2022 were provided.
- (2)–(3) On 5 August 2022, there were 80 staff with case loads over 15, of which zero were recorded with case loads over 18.
- (4) As at 30 August, no.