

NORTHBRIDGE CURFEW - WARDS OF THE STATE REMOVED FROM AREA

2159. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Attorney General

- (1) How many of the children removed from Northbridge via the curfew in the following years were wards of the State -
 - (a) 2004-2005;
 - (b) 2005-2006; and
 - (c) 2006/2007 (year to date)?
- (2) How many of those wards of the State, that were removed via the curfew, were absent without leave from their foster or hostel care?

Mr J.A. McGINTY replied:

The question does not come under the Attorney General's portfolio and should be directed to the Minister for Child Protection and Minister for Police.

Children who are removed by police from Northbridge via the curfew do not come before the Children's Court, unless a criminal offence has also been committed.