

NORTHBRIDGE CURFEW - STATUS OF CHILDREN REMOVED FROM AREA BY POLICE

2160. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (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.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (1) The report on the Young People in Northbridge Policy "The Policy Three Years On 2003 - 2006" included the following figures showing total number of young people removed from Northbridge via the curfew:
  - (a) 2004 - 2005 - 751
  - (b) 2005 - 2006 - 634
  - (c) 2006/2007 (year to date) - not available
- (2) Information relating to wards of the State should be requested from the Minister for Child Protection.