

CULLACABARDEE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY — CHILD PROTECTION VISITS

2065. Ms R. Saffioti to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Child Protection

With regard to the Cullacabardee Aboriginal community, I ask:

- (a) can the Minister provide a list of times and dates that the Department of Child Protection visited the community since March 2009;
- (b) what were the reasons for the visits;
- (c) can the Minister provide a list of times and dates when the Department of Child Protection had telephone communication with residents from the community; and
- (d) what were the reasons for this communication?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

- (a) A specific list cannot be provided without the deletion of external confidential information. 29 contacts were undertaken with the community in the past eight months.
- (b) Reasons for visits included a range of issues
  - liaising with community management;
  - raising concerns about non-school attendance;
  - safety issues;
  - drug issues;
  - offending behaviour;
  - feuding;
  - housing matters;
  - income support;
  - transience;
  - attending community meetings;
  - providing support and information;
  - conducting or participating in programs and events; and
  - grieving and funeral issues.
- (c) Twelve telephone calls to residents and support services were logged between 9 March 2009 and 15 October 2009.
- (d) Telephone calls were associated with liaison with community management and calls to specific families associated with organising meetings, case management and providing information and support.