

CULLACABARDEE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY — CHILD PROTECTION VISITS

453. Ms R. Saffioti to the Minister 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 for Child Protection visited the community in the past 12 months;
- (b) what were the reasons for the visits;
- (c) can the Minister provide a list of times and dates when the Department for Child Protection had telephone communication with residents from the community; and
- (d) what were the reasons for this communication?

Dr G.G. JACOBS replied:

The Minister for Child Protection has provided the following response

- (a) Departmental records indicate that more than 50 visits were made to the Cullacabardee Aboriginal Community in the last 12 months. These visits were to a number of families/houses in the community. To provide a specific list would require a detailed manual file search.
- (b) Reasons included:
 - assessments of concerns about children's school attendance, safety, health matters, neglect, family violence, feuding, drug use, transience, housing issues, criminal behaviour -
 - case management and monitoring -
 - community meetings, programs, events -
 - discussion of Aboriginal men's issues -
 - transportation assistance, eg to appointments, meetings
 - funerals -
- (c) 50+ telephone calls were made.
- (d) Reasons outlined under (b) above including court matters, program funding issues, youth activities.