

SCHOOLCHILDREN — INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY TESTING

2104. Mr M.P. Murray to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Disability Services

- (1) How many children were tested for intellectual disabilities in 2009?
- (2) How many children who were tested were found to have an intellectual disability in 2009?
- (3) How many children who were tested were found not to have an intellectual disability in 2009?
- (4) How many children have been deemed in 2009 to not have an intellectual disability despite having full scale intelligence quotients and adaptive behaviour scores more than 2 standard deviations from the mean?

Mr M.J. COWPER replied:

- (1) There were 536 eligibility decisions made for children with a possible intellectual disability, in the 0–18 year age group, from 1 January to 31 December 2009.
- (2) 316 children, in the age group 0 — 6 years, [including those children vulnerable to intellectual disability] met the Commission's eligibility criteria for intellectual disability, from 1 January to 31 December 2009.

112 children, in the age group six — 18 years, met the Commission's eligibility criteria for a diagnosis of intellectual disability, from 1 January to 31 December 2009.

Note: this data includes assessments conducted by the Commission, and assessments completed by external assessors who provided their reports with the referral information to the Commission.

- (3) 108 children in the age group 0 — 18 years, did not meet the Commission's eligibility criteria for the period 1 January to 31 December 2009.
- (4) This information is not available through electronic reporting. A search through individual records of the 118 children deemed not eligible would be required.