

HEALTH DEPARTMENT, EARLY INTERVENTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES, FUNDING CUTS

2060. Mr R.F. Johnson to the Minister for Community Development, Women's Interests, Seniors and Youth
I refer the Minister to the Minister for Health's withdrawal of \$450,000 worth of funding from the Family Early Intervention Program and other programs and ask -

- (a) how many children, subject to Care and Protection Orders or on the Department of Community Development's (DCD) caseload, receive support from the Health Department's early intervention and family support services;
- (b) does the Department of Community Development have the professional expertise or staff to provide services to children under Care and Protection Orders and their families in the event of mental illness; and
- (c) if not, how will services be implemented to ensure that no child subject to a care and protection order, or on the DCD's caseload, is disadvantaged by cuts to early intervention services?

Ms S.M. McHALE replied:

- (a) The Department for Community Development (DCD) works collaboratively with a range of different agencies in the area of family early intervention and support. However where there is no direct cost to the Department, data is not available on specific service providers for each child on its caseload.
- (b) Yes.
- (c) Not applicable.