

CHILDREN IN CARE — WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

72. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Child Protection:

I refer to the answer on 27 February 2024 to my question without notice.

- (1) For the calendar year of 2023, did the minister and/or the CEO receive daily reports about how many children in the care of the CEO were recorded as missing?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), why has the minister declined to provide information to Parliament on how many children who were in the care of the CEO had their whereabouts recorded as missing in 2023?
- (4) Will the minister deliver a notice forthwith to the Auditor General under section 82 of the Financial Management Act 2006?

Hon JACKIE JARVIS replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following response has been provided by the Minister for Child Protection.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3)–(4) As advised, the information requested by the member is not held centrally, and therefore could not be produced in the time frame provided by the member. More time is needed to verify data and consult with WA Police, as per the memorandum of understanding. The minister will endeavour to provide the member with the information on the first day of the next sitting block.