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- 874. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Health
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- 882. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Training; Water; Youth
- 883. Dr D.J. Honey to the Treasurer
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- 885. Dr D.J. Honey to the Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Tourism
- 886. Dr D.J. Honey to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests
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- 889. Dr D.J. Honey to the Attorney General; Minister for Electoral Affairs
- 890. Dr D.J. Honey to the Minister for Police; Corrective Services; Defence Industry; Veterans Issues
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**Questions listed for this sitting: -**

**913. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Minister's media statement "Landmark changes to strengthen working with children law" on 17 August, 2022, and I ask:

- (a) how many negative notices have been issued as a direct result of the expanded number of criminal offences that automatically trigger a negative notice;
- (b) how many entry warrants to investigate suspected offences under the Act have been executed;
- (c) how many working with children check applications were received in 2022-2023; and
- (d) how many employees, volunteers, or organisations who have breached their obligations under the *Working with Children Act* have been prosecuted?

**914. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

Can the minister please advise, in relation to the working with children check screening unit:

- (a) How many Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff were employed, on average, in the unit in each of the following years:
  - (i) 2019;
  - (ii) 2020;
  - (iii) 2021;
  - (iv) 2022; and
  - (v) 2023 to date?

**915. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Working with Children Card (WCC) and I ask:

- (a) how many applications were made for WCCs in the following years:
  - (i) 2019;
  - (ii) 2020;
  - (iii) 2021;
  - (iv) 2022; and
  - (v) 2023 to date; and
- (b) how many applications for WCCs were denied in the following years:
  - (i) 2019;

- (ii) 2020;
- (iii) 2021;
- (iv) 2022; and
- (v) 2023 to date?

**916. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

With regards to Working with Children Checks, I refer to the former Minister's statement in the House on Wednesday, 27 May 2020 in response to a question from Ms L.L. Baker in which the Minister said: "Finally, I am proud also to say that no foster carer with children in their care is without a valid check." and I ask:

- (a) Can the Minister confirm there has been no foster carer with children in their care that has been without a valid check since that date?

**917. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Minister's answer to QON 752, answered on Tuesday, 20 June, 2023, and I ask:

- (a) how does the Minister account for the 33 per cent reduction in the number of children being seen by the School Dental Service between 2018 and 2022; and
- (b) how does the Minister account for the 38 per cent drop in occasions of service being delivered by the School Dental Service between 2018 and 2022?

**918. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

(1) With regard to incidents of neglect of children in the care of registered foster carers or family carers I ask:

- (a) In each of the following years how many cases of neglect were investigated by the Department of Communities and how many of those cases were substantiated:
  - (i) 2019;
  - (ii) 2020;
  - (iii) 2021;
  - (iv) 2022; and
  - (v) 2023 to date?

(2) How many children, and how many family groups, were involved in each of the substantiated cases of neglect and what were the ages of those children:

- (a) of each substantiated case of neglect, how many involved:
  - (i) a relative carer;
  - (ii) a registered foster carer; and
  - (iii) why were charges not brought against any carers where cases of neglect were substantiated?

(3) What were the ages of the children involved in the substantiated cases of neglect?

(4) Of each substantiated case of neglect, how many involved:

- (a) a relative carer; and
- (b) a registered foster care?

**919. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to the Department of Communities foster care program:

- (a) can the Minister please list the non-government service providers who manage foster care;

- (b) how many children does each provider listed in (a) care for;
- (c) is there a requirement for non-government employees to meet the same benchmarks as departmental staff with regard to workload management of child protection case allocation numbers;
- (d) if yes to (c), how are the caseloads of non-government employees monitored; and
- (e) if no to (c), what accountability is placed on the non-government providers regarding case load management?

**920. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) Can the Minister outline what mechanisms and/or processes are in place for recording the number of children in the Department's care, either with family carers or foster carers, who have been diagnosed with Foetal alcohol Syndrome (FASD)?
- (2) If yes to (1), can the Minister please provide statistics for the number of children in the Department's care who have been diagnosed with FASD in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2018-2019;
  - (b) 2019-2020;
  - (c) 2020-2021;
  - (d) 2021-2022; and
  - (e) 2022-2023?

**921. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the number of hospital attendances and admissions related to dog bites and ask:

- (a) What was the total number of emergency department attendances related to dog bites for Metropolitan Hospitals in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date; and
- (b) What was the total number of emergency department admissions related to dog bites by year for Metropolitan Hospitals in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 to date?

**922. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Health:**

I refer to the Minister for Health's promise last year to release the Deloitte audit into staffing establishment levels that was due in March 2023. With this report now being 6 months late and the rollout of nurse-to-patient ratios being dependent on the release of this report, I ask:

- (a) How does the Minister expect to keep to the two-year ratios timeline for a state-wide rollout which is due November 2024, given we are nearly a year into this timeline and ratios only exist in one ward of a single hospital;
- (b) Is the Deloitte report still in 'cabinet deliberations' as was reported in The West Australian back in July 2023;
- (c) If yes to (b), why is the report still being held back; and
- (d) If no to (b), why has the report not been released?

**923. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) During the months of June, July and August 2023, by district, how many individuals did the Department of Communities refer to Centrelink for compulsory income management?
- (2) By district, how many individuals with children have presented seeking financial assistance on two or more occasions to the Department of Communities, for the period 1 June to 31 August 2023?

**924. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) For the period 1 June to 31 August 2023, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements has the Department of Communities implemented?
- (2) How many of the Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (1), originated from a referral from another State Government department, and how many were referred by each department?

**925. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) For the period 1 June to 31 August 2023, how many Responsible Parenting Agreements has the Department of Communities implemented?
- (2) How many of the Responsible Parenting Agreements listed in (1), originated from a referral from another State Government department, and how many were referred by each department?

**926. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Housing:**

- (1) How many mandatory referrals were received from the Department of Housing for each strike issued against a tenancy where children resided in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 to date?
- (2) How many of the mandatory referral tenants received from the Department of Housing engaged in the Strong Families program in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 to date?

**927. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) How many mandatory referrals were received from the Department of Housing for each strike issued against a tenancy where children resided in each of:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 to date?
- (2) How many of the mandatory referral tenants received from the Department of Housing engaged in the Strong Families program in each of:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 to date?

**928. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:**

- (1) How many mandatory referrals were received from the Department of Housing for each strike issued against a tenancy where children resided in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and
  - (c) 2023 to date?
- (2) How many of the mandatory referral tenants received from the Department of Housing engaged in the Strong Families program in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2021;
  - (b) 2022; and

- (c) 2023 to date?

**929. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

- (1) By region, what is the number of sexually transmitted infections reported to the Department for the following periods:
  - (a) 2020-2021;
  - (b) 2021-2022; and
  - (c) 2022-2023?
- (2) Have any children contracted a sexually transmitted infection while in the care of the CEO and, if yes, what are the numbers by region for the following periods:
  - (a) 2020-2021;
  - (b) 2021-2022; and
  - (c) 2022-2023?

**930. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Environment:**

I refer to prescribed burning targets in the South West, and I ask:

- (a) For each of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 what were the prescribed burning targets for the South West region; and
- (b) For each of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 what was the actual area subject to prescribed burns in the South West region?

**931. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Child Protection:**

I refer to family and domestic violence incidents, and I ask how many family and domestic violence incidents were reported and responded to by the Department of Communities as a result of police involvement in each of the following periods:

- (a) 2016-17;
- (b) 2017-18;
- (c) 2018-19;
- (d) 2019-20;
- (e) 2020-21;
- (f) 2021-22; and
- (g) 2022-23?

**932. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:**

I refer to family and domestic violence incidents, and I ask how many family and domestic violence incidents were reported and responded to by the Department of Communities as a result of police involvement in each of the following periods:

- (a) 2016-17;
- (b) 2017-18;
- (c) 2018-19;
- (d) 2019-20;
- (e) 2020-21;
- (f) 2021-22; and
- (g) 2022-23?

**933. Ms L. Mettam to the Minister for Community Services:**

I refer to family and domestic violence incidents, and I ask how many family and domestic violence incidents were reported and responded to by the Department of Communities as a result of police involvement in each of the following periods:

- (a) 2016-17;
- (b) 2017-18;
- (c) 2018-19;
- (d) 2019-20;
- (e) 2020-21;
- (f) 2021-22; and
- (g) 2022-23?

**934. Mr P.J. Rundle to the Minister for Education:**

For the past two financial years up to 31 July 2023, please detail the following:

- (a) total number of violent incidents reported to the Department of Education;
- (b) teacher claims on workers' compensation as a result of violent incidents;
- (c) total dollar value of workers' compensation claims against the Department of Education;
- (d) a breakdown of the categories of workers' compensation claims and the dollar value of each category; and
- (e) the number of workers' compensation claims that are unresolved more than 12 months since the first claim?

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