




Speech By
Hon. Shannon Fentiman

MEMBER FOR WATERFORD

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MINISTERIAL STATEMENTS

Department of Child Safety

 **Hon. SM FENTIMAN** (Waterford—ALP) (Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence) (10.13 am): I rise today to make a ministerial statement on a very serious matter. In relation to reports today, I can confirm that confidential information was sent in error by the department of child safety to a domestic violence perpetrator about the whereabouts of a family. It is totally unacceptable and I expect much, much better. I am very sorry that this has happened and I have personally spoken to and apologised to the family. My director-general has also apologised on behalf of the department. This is a serious issue for the family involved and should never have happened. This matter was immediately referred to the Ethical Standards Unit for investigation. We continue to work closely with the family to ensure their ongoing safety.