

Question on Notice

No. 681

Asked on Thursday 17 May 2018

MR S BENNETT ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES AND MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES AND SENIORS (HON C O'ROURKE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the changes requiring mandatory early childhood education and care professionals to report, a reasonable suspicion that a child has suffered, is suffering, or is at unacceptable risk of suffering, significant harm caused by physical or sexual abuse, and there is not a parent willing and able to protect the child from harm—

Will the Minister advise how many reports the department has received since the change was made?

ANSWER:

This matter falls outside of my portfolio responsibilities and, as such, it would be appropriate for the Member to direct this question to the Honourable Di Farmer MP, Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.