

## **Question on Notice**

No. 164

Asked on 18 February 2020

**MR B MICKELBERG** asked the Minister for Health and Minister for Ambulance Services (HON DR S MILES) –

### **QUESTION**

With reference to the speech pathology service provided by the Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service—

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of children and infants referred to the service in 2018 and 2019 (reported separately by calendar year) and how many of these children and infants received treatment (reported separately by calendar year) and (b) how many parents/guardians with children on the speech pathology wait list, received a letter from the service informing parents/guardians that the child was to be discharged from the service as the child was starting Prep in 2020?

### **ANSWER**

- (a) The Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service (HHS) operates a Community Paediatric Speech Pathology service across five regional locations. Referral numbers for this service were 333 in 2018 and 353 in 2019.

Given the breadth of possible pathways for each family, it is not possible to provide specific numbers regarding treatment during the specific timeframes.

- (b) At the end of 2019, 80 families received a Prep discharge letter, with the option to reconnect with the Speech Pathology service for additional information and advice whilst awaiting support from their Education provider.