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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question On Notice

Tuesday, 23 February 2016

3823. Hon Robin Chapple to the Minister for Child Protection

(1) Why is the Department for Child Protection and Family Services in Geraldton short staffed for the positions of assigned co-workers who are assigned to children in care as part of a care team?
(2) For children in care, it is a legal requirement that they have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) at school formulated by the child's teacher with learning goals and a time frame for completion. Why were all the children at Catholic Agriculture College Bindoon not provided with an IEP for the duration of the 2015 academic year?

Answer

(1) As at April 20 2016, the Department for Child Protection and Family Support's (the Department's) Geraldton office had one vacant case management position for children in care. If a co-work request is unable to be allocated, it is temporarily placed on the Monitored List and tasks are allocated to the Team Leader or District Director until allocation can occur. There is only one co-work allocation request pending and this will be allocated week commencing 29 April 2016.

(2) All children in care attending Bindoon Catholic Agricultural College and each had a recorded documented education plan for the 2015 school year.

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MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION