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ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE

MRS ELIZABETH KIKKERT MLA : To ask the Minister for Early Childhood Development

Ref: Budget Outlook, p. 127

Hearing Date: 21 July 2023

In relation to: Autism Spectrum Disorder Assessments

- (1) Whilst the ages of the children awaiting autism assessments was taken on notice, can the sex of the children please be added to this data set as well?
- (2) What percentage of families who access autism spectrum disorder assessments at CDS identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?
- (3) If known, what percentage of families who access autism spectrum disorder assessments at CDS identify as culturally and/or linguistically diverse?

MINISTER BERRY: The answer to the Member's question is as follows: –

- (1) The ages of the 167 children on the Autism Assessment waiting list are detailed below. Ages of children have been grouped into a 2-year age range due to small numbers in some single year age groups.

Age	No.
1-2 year olds	13
3-4 year olds	53
5-6 year olds	41
7-8 year olds	31
9-10 year olds	15
11-12 year olds	14

Twenty-seven per cent of children on the Autism assessment waiting list identify as female. Seventy-three per cent of children on the Autism assessment waiting list identify as male.

- (2) The proportion of children on the Autism assessment waiting list who have identified as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander is 3.7 per cent.
- (3) The proportion of children on the Autism assessment waiting list who have identified as Culturally and Linguistically diverse backgrounds is 10.5 per cent.

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By the Minister for Early Childhood Development, Yvette Berry MLA