



Inquiry into Appropriation Bill 2026–2027 and Appropriation (Office of the Legislative Assembly) Bill 2026–2027

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Thomas Emerson MLA

Addressed to: Minister for Children, Youth and Families

In relation to: Settlement of institutional abuse civil claims

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MR EMERSON: Okay. Perhaps I have noticed then over the last five financial years how many Treasurer's Advances were received specific to settlement of civil claims or dealing with civil claims related to institutional child sexual abuse would be helpful. And the total amount of the proportion of those Treasurer's Advances that was for that issue.

Ms Arthy: We may not be able to do the specific thing with the Treasurer's Advances, but I can look at certainly how much we have paid. I will get you the same answer. It may not be necessarily part of a Treasurer's Advance because, as you know, our directorates have been combined and I am not sure that we will be able to have something that is sensible for you, but we can look at the amount that we have actually paid.

MR EMERSON: Okay, thank you. I think even if we knew, "Okay, four out of the five last financial years there has been a Treasurer's Advance. We do not know exactly how much." You know, if you can have that information, that would be helpful.

Ms Arthy: We will do our best, yes.

MR EMERSON: If possible. If possible. Okay, thank you

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Mr Michael Pettersson MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Over the past five financial years, there have been two Treasurer's Advances for the Health and Community Services Directorate (or the former Community Services Directorate) being:

- \$18.3 million in 2025-26, of which \$2.5 million was for settlement of historical institutional abuse claims, and
- \$7.420 million in 2023-24, of which \$0.522 million was related to historical institutional abuse claims.

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