



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: Institutional abuse claims

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MR EMERSON: Okay. And so of the \$18.3 million, how much of that was related to the civil claims, related to institutional child sexual abuse, and what was the total expenditure on that in 2026-27? Or 2025-26, I should say.

Ms Sabellico: Mr Emerson, I do not think I have got that here, but I will see if I can get it for you by the end of this session.

MR EMERSON: Okay. Thank you. Let's say taken on notice, just in case we do not manage it, yes.

Ms Sabellico: I will take it on notice, but we will try and get it back to you.

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

In 2025-26, \$2.5 million of the Health and Community Services Directorate Treasurer's Advance was attributed to the funding of claims of institutional child abuse, and administration and coordination of claims and information access requests for plaintiffs. Of this amount, the total settlement of claims and legal costs paid by the Health and Community Services Directorate in relation to institutional child abuse was \$1.5 million.

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Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Mr Michael Pettersson MLA