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The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON (15:38): I seek leave to make a brief explanation before asking the minister representing the Minister for Families and Communities questions about family support by Families SA

Leave granted.

The Hon. A. BRESSINGTON: My questions are:

1. In the last three years, how many children have been reunified with their families after being placed under a care and protection order for 12 months, and how many have been reunified after being placed under an order until the age of 18 years?
2. Does the Families SA procedure manual require a reunification plan to be developed in all cases in which a child has been under care for a significant duration and is to be returned to their parents?
3. Is this reunification plan to be made available to the parents or intended caregiver?
4. Whilst I appreciate all cases are different, is there a minimum expectation of services to be made available to families to assist the reunification process?
5. In cases where a child under a Youth Court order until the age of 18 is reunified with their parents, what criteria are used to determine whether or not to rescind that order?

The Hon. G.E. GAGO (Minister for Regional Development, Minister for Public Sector Management, Minister for the Status of Women, Minister for Consumer Affairs, Minister for Government Enterprises, Minister for Gambling) (15:40): I thank the honourable member for her important questions. I will refer them to the Minister for Families and Communities in another place and bring back a response.