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Ms Miriam Beswick MP
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Dear Ms Beswick

Thank you for your Constituency Question on behalf of a young man who became homeless when his father was taken into custody.

The Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management has advised of the process when a person is taken into custody if there are dependent children requiring care and no other adults present.

Attending police officers would work with the person or persons being taken into custody to determine temporary care arrangements for any children (for example, a responsible family member or friend).

If necessary, police would alternatively liaise with relevant service providers to put in place an appropriate arrangement to ensure the children's safety.

As discussed, my office and I will work with you to assist in the particular instance you have outlined to provide specific information and facilitate the required support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Ellis".

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

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