

Question taken on Notice

Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee
Child Protection and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2020 Public Briefing

Asked on 27 July 2020

Mrs Laura Gerber MP, Member for Currumbin asked—

QUESTION

How many adoption requests (for children in care) have been rejected by the department in the past five years?

ANSWER

It is not possible to apply to adopt a child in care. The department prepares a case plan for every child in care, which must include the goal for best achieving permanency for the child. If the case plan outlines that adoption would be the most appropriate alternative long-term option, the department works with a child's parents, the child and other relevant parties to seek consent and progress the proposed adoption.

In the last seven years 10 children have been adopted from the child protection system. Two of those children were adopted by their foster carers and the other eight children were adopted by people on the Suitable Adoptive Parents Register. In the last five years there have been six children adopted from the child protection system.