

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1333**  
**Asked on 31 October 2006**

MRS DESLEY SCOTT MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MS BOYLE)-

QUESTION:

1. Will she update me on the progress of the new Child Safety office in Woodridge/Logan Central?
2. How many additional foster parents have now been recruited in the Logan area?

ANSWER:

- 1. I thank the Member for her question and for her interest in Child Safety. Progress on the new premises for the Woodridge Child Safety Service Centre, in Blackwood Road, Woodridge is progressing well. The developer for the project has estimated that the completion date for the project will be May/June 2007.

The Loganlea Child Safety Service Centre, to be located in Kingston, is expected to be operational by 30 April 2007.

Upon completion of these two projects, the Logan Central Child Safety Service Centre will occupy the premises, currently occupied by the Woodridge and Loganlea Child Safety Service Centres at Ewing Road, Woodridge. This will complete the program to accommodate the three Child Safety Service Centres in the Logan area.

3. From 1 January 2006 to October 2006, 102 new foster carer families have been recruited in the Logan and Brisbane West Zone. While it is pleasing that so many new foster carers have come forward we still need many more families to foster vulnerable children.

The Premier and I recently announced that from 1 January 2007 foster care allowances would be increased significantly. I am confident that these increases will not only assist our current carers who do a fantastic job caring for children but also encourage more families to come forward.