

**Question on Notice  
No 1916**

**Asked on Wednesday, 14 November 2007**

MR JEFF SEENEY asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Women (MRS KEECH) -

**QUESTION:**

1. How many complaints of child sexual abuse made to her department against child offenders under the Department's care have been referred to the police?
2. How many children in State care have been referred to dedicated sex offender treatment programs, either within the department or to external providers?

**ANSWER:**

1) The Department has an obligation under the Child Protection Act to refer all matters to the Queensland Police Service, where the Chief Executive reasonably believes harm may have involved the commission of a criminal offence relating to the child. This would include complaints of child sexual abuse where the perpetrator of the abuse is a child under the age of 18 years.

Details of referrals made to the Queensland Police Service are held by each of the 47 Child Safety Service Centres across the state and would have to be retrieved manually in each instance.

2) Young people in care who have committed sexual offences are referred for counselling through qualified private practitioners and/or the Griffith Adolescent Forensic and Assessment Treatment Centre.

Details of children in State care who have been referred to dedicated sex offender treatment programs is held locally and would have to be manually retrieved.