

**Question on Notice
No. 682
Asked on 22 May 2007**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Department of Child Safety –

- (1) How is the restructure of the department in Logan City progressing?
- (2) What benefits and improvement to service is now being seen?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for her question and for her interest in the important work of the Department of Child Safety.

- (1) I am pleased to advise that development of the new premises for the Woodridge Child Safety Service Centre (CSSC) is progressing and the developer has estimated that this project will be completed in the next couple of months.

The new Loganlea CSSC at 5-9 Juers Street Kingston will be officially opened on 14 August 2007.

On 31 May 2007, the Logan Central CSSC moved into the premises previously occupied by Loganlea CSSC, and now shares the ground floor office space with Woodridge CSSC. The eventual relocation of the Woodridge CSSC to Blackwood Road will see the completion of the program to establish the three independent CSSCs in the Logan area which will be a major boost for not only the staff of the Department but also the vulnerable children and families they support.

- (2) Over the coming months, local communities and in particular children, young people and their families and carers, will benefit from these modernised centres. These new centres are world class facilities, with staff delivering quality child protection services to vulnerable children, young people and their families in the Logan area. Response times for clients will be enhanced and children and young people will have improved access to their child safety case managers.

Since the creation of the Department of Child Safety in 2004 and implementation of the Blueprint recommendations, the number of child safety officers (CSOs) providing services to children and young people and their families in the Logan City area has risen from 29 fulltime equivalent staff (FTEs) to 50. A total of 90.75 FTE positions are now funded across the three Logan Child Safety Service Centres.

Loganlea CSSC now has 29.75 funded FTEs, including 20 CSO and team leader positions who deliver high quality child protection services to at risk children and young people, three child safety support officers who work with families to strengthen their parenting capacity and a range of other support staff who provide expertise in court work and business and administrative processes. Logan Central CSSC has 29 FTEs, including 19 CSOs and team leaders, 3 child safety support officers and 7 administrative and practice support staff. Woodridge CSSC has a funded staffing establishment of 32 FTEs, including 20 CSO and team leader positions and three child safety support officers.