

**Question on Notice
No. 754
Asked on 23 May 2007**

MR PETER WELLINGTON MP asked the Minister for Child Safety (MS BOYLE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to her Ministerial statement made on Wednesday 23 May 2007- Will she provide further clarification of what statistical information is available to her or her department to advise how many children in Queensland are in the full time care of grandparents, either as foster parents, kin carers or simply as grandparent or relative carers?

ANSWER:

The Department of Child Safety only collects data related to children who have come into contact with the Child Protection system and therefore I am only able to provide accurate figures for those children who are placed with grandparents as a result of intervention by my Department.

According to the latest available figures, as at 31 December 2006, there were a total of 6,773 children placed away from home by the Department of Child Safety in Queensland. Of these children, 769 were placed in the care of their grandparents.