

**Question on Notice
No. 1021
Asked on Thursday, 5 June 2008**

JANN STUCKEY asked the Minister for Child Safety (MRS KEECH)-

QUESTION:

With regard to children leaving the care of long-term guardians:

1. How many children left the care of their long-term guardians in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (reported separately by year and age)?
2. How many of these guardians failed to report the child leaving their care and hence continued to receive payments in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (reported separately)?
3. How many long-term guardians were subject to one or more notifications in 2006-07 and 2007-08 (reported separately by year and type of abuse)?

ANSWER:

In response to the Member's multiple questions, I am advised that responses to parts 1 and 2 cannot currently be provided by my Department.

In relation to part 3 of the question, I refer the Member to the *Child Protection Queensland 2006-07 Performance Report*.

The Bligh Government values the role foster carers play in Queensland's child protection system. The State's 3300 foster carers are the backbone of the system. They are heroes and deserve public acclaim. They do an amazing job taking in battered, abused, neglected and starving children and watch them blossom in a loving home.

We need more foster carers.

That's why I recently launched the Bligh Government's five-year, \$15 million foster and kinship carer recruitment, training and support initiative.