

Question on Notice

No. 1387

Asked on Tuesday 6 October 2009

MS O'NEILL ASKED THE MINISTER FOR CHILD SAFETY AND MINISTER FOR SPORT (MR REEVES)—

How many child safety notifications has the department received from the Kallangur Electorate so far this year and how does this compare with previous years?

ANSWER:

Child Protection in Queensland has come a long way since 2004. This Government has more than tripled the budget and doubled the workforce. The Bligh Government is committed to the continuous improvement of Child Safety Services in Queensland and is demonstrating this by continued investment and enhanced policy to support families and their children.

Concerns about abuse or neglect of a child living in the Kallangur electorate are referred to either the Pine Rivers or Caboolture Child Safety Service Centres of the Department of Communities which also service parts of Sandgate, Aspley, Ferny Grove, Pine Rivers, Morayfield, Pumicestone, Murrumba, Glasshouse and Nanango electorates.

Across these service centres, Child Safety Services recorded 904 notifications in the 2008–09 year. This is a decrease from 1,134 notifications in 2007–08 and 1,273 notifications in 2006–07.

The Bligh Government places great investment on ensuring Queensland children remain safe and protected from harm, and that the needs of these children and their families are met.