

Question on Notice

No. 44

Asked on 16 February 2011

MR MALONE asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Sport (MR REEVES)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of complaints by foster parents and kinship carers as a proportion of all complaints by region and by year for 2008–09, 2009–10 and 2010–11 to date?

ANSWER

While there is a substantial amount of data that is available and able to be reported at the push of a button, detailed information relating to individual files, such as the Member has asked for, would require a significant extraction process.

To extract the data the Member has requested would require a complex and lengthy process that would be labour intensive and time consuming for the hard working staff of Child Safety Services.

I point out that when the former incarnation of the LNP was last in government, its annual report contained only one measure for each of the five regions. That measure was the number of children under protective orders.

Today, Queensland's Child Safety Services has one of the most open and comprehensive reporting systems across Australia. In fact, the Department of Communities (Child Safety Services) reports on over 150 separate measures each year, and more than 80 of these measures are reported on a quarterly basis.