

Question on Notice

No. 1542

Asked on 1 September 2016

MR STEVENS asked the Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON S FENTIMAN)—

QUESTION

With reference to family risk evaluations—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many family risk evaluations were conducted each month in 2015-16 (reported by month and broken down by region), (b) how many cases in (a) were closed where the family risk rating was high, (c) how many children were left in the care of their parents despite a high risk rating in 2015-16 and (d) how many children in (c) were the subject of a further notification of harm in the 2015-16 year?

ANSWER

The family risk evaluation is completed after all the investigation and assessment information has been gathered, and prior to the determination of the investigation and assessment outcome.

The family risk evaluation assists the assessment of the likelihood of future harm and is one tool used to determine whether a child is in need of protection.

Family risk evaluation data is not part of the department's normal reporting. Queensland's Child Safety Services has one of the most open and comprehensive reporting systems across Australia. Approximately 80 measures are reported on a quarterly basis via the department's Our Performance website and can be accessed at www.communities.qld.gov.au/childsafety/about-us/our-performance.