

Question on Notice

No. 1757

Asked on 11 October 2016

MR McEACHAN 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

Will the Minister detail (a) the total number of CSOs at each Child Safety Service Centre (CSSC) as at 1 October 2016 (reported by individual CSSC) and (b) how many in (a) have completed child safety entry level training (reported by CSSC)?

ANSWER

- (a) The number of Child Safety Officers (CSOs) by region as a headcount at the pay period ending 14 October 2016 is detailed below. This information is based on the whole-of-government Minimum Obligatory Human Resource Information definition used for reporting. CSOs work at both CSSC and regional levels, including in Regional Intake Services as well as outplaced in Family and Child Connect Services. The number of CSOs within a given CSSC changes by pay period due to leave, absences and other staff movements, and therefore is not appropriate to provide.
- (b) Entry level training requirements for CSOs has changed over the years and given that some CSOs have been in the role for up to 10 years or more, it would not be an efficient use of departmental resources to extract and collate the requested data.

CSOs are provided with appropriate induction, ongoing training and supervision to enable these hard working staff to have the required knowledge and skills to perform such an important frontline role in keeping our children safe.

Active/Paid Child Safety Officers by Region as at PPE 14/10/2016	
Region	Head Count
Region - Brisbane	154
Region - Central	130
Region - Far North Queensland	100
Region - North Coast	150
Region - North Queensland	124
Region - South East Queensland	211
Region - South West Queensland	170
Grand Total	1039