

Question on Notice

No. 1759

Asked on 11 October 2016

MR PERRETT 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 the 166 and 47 additional staff the Minister referred to in a statement on 4 September 2016—

Will the Minister detail (a) how many of those are Child Safety Officers (CSO) or Child Safety Support Officers (CSSO) and where are they located/to be located, (b) what is the classification, title and level for each of the 166 staff and 47 staff not classified as a CSO or CSSO (reported separately) and (c) how many of the 166 and 47 were placed or will be placed in actual child safety service centres (excluding regional offices)?

ANSWER

Actual staffing level as at the fortnightly pay period ending 29 June 2014 was 2563 (headcount) and as at 24 June 2016 it was 2729 – an increase of 166 staff. A breakdown of classification levels across the period is not feasible given the movement of staff and variations in classifications over time. More than half of the additional Child Safety staff in this comparison were Child Safety Officers and Child Safety Support Officers, with the remaining increase reflecting movement in all other Child Safety staffing levels.

Of the 47 new Child Safety positions, 39 are frontline and frontline support roles in regions, and eight roles provide practice and program support.