

Question on Notice

No. 15

Asked on 14 February 2017

MS BATES 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 Child Safety portfolio—

Will the Minister detail (a) the number of interim child protection orders made in 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date, by child safety region, (b) how many interim orders were made in 2015-16 and 2016-17 after adjournment by child safety services and (c) the average number of adjournments for interim orders by child safety region?

ANSWER

In response to part (a) of the question, the number of admissions to an interim child protection order during 2015–16 was 2764. For the 12 months ending 30 September 2016 (the latest available data), there were 2800 admissions to an interim child protection order.

The total number of children subject to short term orders (which include interim orders) is less now than it was in 2012, 2013 and 2014 despite the increase in number of children in out-of-home care.

With regard to parts (b) and (c) of the question, the information requested relates to the activity of the Director of Child Protection Litigation, which falls outside the portfolio responsibilities of the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Minister for Communities, Women and Youth, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence. It is suggested that the Member directs these parts of the question to the Honourable Yvette D’Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills.