

Question on Notice
No. 1225
Asked on 18 September 2018

MR J KRAUSE ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of persons that have been charged with manslaughter in relation to a child from 2015-16 to 2017-18 (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I have been advised by the Queensland Police Service that there were four persons charged with manslaughter in relation to a child in 2015-16, there were six persons charged in 2016-17, and there was one person charged in 2017-18.

I am pleased to inform the Member that the Palaszczuk Government has requested the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council (QSAC), a body the former LNP government abolished, to examine the important issue of penalties imposed on sentence for criminal offences arising from the death of a child.

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Charges for manslaughter relate to sections 303 and 310 of the Criminal Code and is based on the time the person was charged.
3. Persons charged refer to a unique offender count. A person with multiple charges will be counted once in any breakdown.
4. Only victims under 18 at the time of the offence being reported to police have been included.