

Question on Notice

No. 504

Asked on 3 May 2018

MR C BOYCE asked the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON D FARMER)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of child death reviews conducted in 2017 (reported separately by region), (b) the reasons for each review and (c) how many reviews are still on-going?

ANSWER

- (a) In the 2016-17 financial year, there were 58 child deaths notified to the department that triggered the requirement to conduct a review. Of these 58 deaths, the region primarily responsible for departmental service delivery was South East (14), Brisbane (10), North Coast (nine), South West (eight), Central Queensland (seven), North Queensland (six) and Far North Queensland (four).
- (b) The requirement to conduct a review is triggered when the department has had involvement with a child within the 12 months prior to their death. This can range from recording an intake event, undertaking an investigation and assessment through to ongoing intervention.
- (c) All reviews are required to be completed within a six-month timeframe and all 58 reviews have been completed.

Deaths of children and young people are publicly reported for all children and those known to the department. Records from 2004-05 are available from the Queensland Family and Child Commission website:

www.qfcc.qld.gov.au/annual-report-deaths-children-and-young-people-queensland-2015-16