

Question on Notice

No. 308

Asked on 26 March 2019

MRS S WILSON 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) how many children have been relinquished to Child Safety in 2016-17 and 2017-18 due to their high needs disability and (b) how much funding is allocated in the budget for those children (including the average cost per child)?

ANSWER

Children are not relinquished in Queensland but can be subject to a Child Protection Order.

- (a) It is not possible to advise how many Child Protection Orders are associated with high disability support needs, because the assessment is not about their level of disability or ability, it is about whether their parents are willing and able to care for them.
- (b) No separate funding is provided for such circumstances as described in (a) above as the assessment and intervention is part of the normal work of Child Safety staff.