

Question on Notice

No. 1057

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MR D JANETZKI asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise between 2017 and 2022 to date in the South West region (reported separately by year) (a) the total annual cost for Youth Residential Care Services and (b) the highest annual cost of funding per placement?

ANSWER

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs funds residential care services through two different funding approaches:

- Outsourced Service Delivery (OSD) funding: a long-term, fixed price contract spanning multiple years with payment made to the supplier a quarter in advance. These long-term contracts may be funded for a single residential care site or consolidate a number of residential care sites under one contract.
- Fee for Service funding: time-limited support packaged on an individual basis for children identified as having specific care and support needs that cannot be provided through fixed contracted OSD. Payment is made after services have been delivered.

Costs per placement can vary significantly depending on the needs of the children. For example, some children may have significant disabilities, cognitive impairments or mental health issues requiring one-to-one care.

	Total cost residential care \$ million	Highest approximate cost per child* \$ million
2016/2017	\$47.954	\$0.608
2017/2018	\$46.368	\$0.950
2018/2019	\$58.405	\$0.734
2019/2020	\$71.689	\$1.209
2020/2021	\$85.520	\$1.151
2021/2022	\$122.350	\$1.543

**This figure may include residential care and additional specialist supports based on children and young people's needs.*