

Question on Notice

No. 1126

Asked on 25 October 2022

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of outstanding investigations and assessments by child safety at 30 June 2022 (reported separately by region, including how many have been outstanding for greater than 100 days)?

ANSWER

Queensland child protection data is regularly released on the Our Performance section of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs' (DCYJMA) website at www.performance.cyjma.qld.gov.au/.

For the year ending 30 June 2022, DCYJMA received 32,005 notifications requiring investigation. This is an increase of 3,762 notifications requiring investigation compared to the year before (year ending 30 June 2021) and an increase of 9,649 notifications requiring investigation compared to 30 June 2015.

Of the 5,174 investigations not yet finalised for the year ending 30 June 2022, 1,381 had been open for greater than 100 days, comprising 4.3 per cent of total notifications requiring investigation during the year.

A regional breakdown is provided in the table below.

Region ^(a)	Open greater than 100 days	Total not yet finalised	Total notifications requiring an investigation
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	77	941	7,593
Far North Queensland	185	529	2,139
North Queensland	208	602	4,737
South East	681	1,757	6,437
South West	190	852	5,050
Sunshine Coast and Central	39	491	6,036
Other ^(b)	1	2	13
TOTAL	1,381	5,174	32,005

Notes:

1. Where a report relates to more than one child, a notification is counted for each child. Where a child is the subject of more than one report of alleged harm or risk of harm during the period, a notification is counted for each instance.
 - (a) Region responsible for the assessment of concerns at the Investigation and Assessment phase.
 - (b) Other includes Child Safety After Hours or where an assessment region is yet to be assigned.