

Question on Notice

No. 504

Asked on 24 May 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister detail the amount spent on commercial accommodation by Child Safety (reported separately by region and year for the last five years)?

ANSWER

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs utilises short term commercial accommodation for a variety of circumstances when caring for young people in the child protection system. These circumstances include emergency accommodation, relief accommodation and family contact accommodation requirements.

As regional boundaries have changed over this period, the allocation of expenditure is based on the 2021-22 regional structure.

Commercial accommodation expenditure for young people in the child protection system, by region and from 2018-19, is summarised below:

Region (\$)	2021-22 (31 May)	2020-21	2019-20	2018-19	2017-18
South East	13,771	52,500	24,246	13,824	3,261
North Queensland	131,077	81,540	31,841	30,060	144,063
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	23,292	10,104	22,268	19,933	40,603
Sunshine Coast and Central	15,553	15,668	2,527	40,973	1,292
Far North Queensland	19,484	39,738	25,363	17,116	1,270
South West	251,889	71,530	30,686	41,529	8,862
Whole of Department	2,051	0	0	136	0
Total	457,117	271,080	136,931	163,571	199,351
<i>Number of children and young people in care at any time during the year</i>	13,554*	13,269	12,589	11,762	11,155

*year ending 31 December 2021