

Question on Notice

No. 638

Asked on 22 June 2022

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the attrition rate of foster carers (reported separately by region) for the last three years?

ANSWER

Becoming a carer is voluntary. Carer families are not funded employees; therefore, a measure of attrition is not used by the department.

A carer family can be approved for multiple children or be approved to care for a specific child or children (such as their kin). This leads to a constant flow of carer families entering and exiting the system. For example, a kin carer family will exit the system once their kin are returned to a parent/s.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs reports publicly on the number of carer families on the last day of every quarter. The published data is at 31 March 2022 per region and can be viewed at <https://performance.cyjma.qld.gov.au/>.