Question on Notice

No. 844

Asked on 18 August 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 DCYJMA's website at https://performance.cyjma.qld.gov.au/.

The latest available data is for the year ending 31 March 2022, during this period DCYJMA received 31,244 notifications requiring investigation. This is an increase of 3,162 notifications requiring investigation compared to the year before (year ending 31 March 2021) and an increase of 8,888 notifications requiring investigation compared to 2014-15.

Of the 31,244 notifications requiring investigation for the year ending 31 March 2022, 26,275 (84 per cent) were finalised.

Of the 4,969 not yet finalised for the year ending 31 March 2022, 1,140 (3.6 per cent of total notifications requiring investigation received during the year) had been open for greater than 100 days.

A regional breakdown for the year ending 31 March 2022 is provided in the table below.

Region [a]	Open greater than 100 days	Work in progress
Brisbane and Moreton Bay	83	700
Far North Queensland	209	467
North Queensland	168	714
South East	522	1,660
South West	93	810
Sunshine Coast and Central	65	608
Other [b]	0	10
TOTAL	**1,140**	**4,969**

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.