

Question on Notice

No. 1022

Asked on 12 September 2023

MR D JANETZKI asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION

With reference to substantiations and children subject to a substantiation for the year ending March 2023—

Will the Minister specify the recorded type of abuse for the 1,175 substantiations for the South West region?

ANSWER

An Investigation and Assessment will have an outcome of substantiated where it is assessed that a child or young person has suffered, is suffering, or is at unacceptable risk of suffering significant harm.

It is important to note that not all children who are substantiated for harm or risk of significant harm require ongoing intervention by the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS).

The number of substantiations recorded by DCSSDS in the South West Region in the year ending 31 March 2023 was 1,175, relating to 1,115 children.

The abuse type recorded for the 1,175 substantiations was physical: 200; emotional: 458; neglect: 437; and sexual: 80.