

Question on Notice

No. 1091

Asked on 13 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 notification investigations not responded to within timeframes in the South West region for the year ending March 2023—

Will the Minister (a) advise how many of the (i) 24-hour cases, (ii) 5-day cases and (iii) 10-day cases were subsequently recorded as substantiated abuse and (b) specify the recorded type of abuse?

ANSWER

Approximately 85 per cent of all Investigation and Assessments (IAs) reveal either no significant harm or result in a child not needing protection.

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the South West Region received 4,869 notifications requiring investigation. Of these, 715 notifications were not commenced within the response timeframe and the IA outcome was substantiated (18.5 per cent of all notifications commenced).

By response timeframe, the 715 notifications comprised 24-hour cases – 20; 5-day cases – 328; and 10-day cases – 367.

Of these, the abuse type substantiated was emotional – 326; neglect – 254; physical – 113; and sexual – 22.

Of the 715 notifications that were substantiated, children were assessed as in need of protection in 542 cases i.e. requiring a Child Protection Order or Intervention with Parental Agreement.