

Question on Notice

No. 1607

Asked on 30 November 2023

MRS L GERBER, asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 881 of 2023—

Will the Minister advise the number of children under a Child Protection Order in a placement type of 'other' that have had contact with the youth justice system in the last year?

ANSWER

Safe and stable care arrangements are a priority for the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS).

DCSSDS uses various care arrangements for the children and young people in its care, including family-based care (foster and kinship care) and residential care services. Children and young people may also be in other living arrangements, such as supported independent living, boarding schools, hospitals, disability facilities, youth detention centres and those who are self-placing.

Data available relates to the number of children aged 10 to 17 years subject to a child protection order and in a living arrangement of 'other' that were also subject to active youth justice case management as at 30 June 2023. Active youth justice case management includes young people subject to supervised youth justice orders and/or remanded in custody and/or participating in the conditional bail program.

As at 30 June 2023, there were a total of 825 children and young people aged 10 to 17 years of age, subject to a child protection and in other living arrangements.

Of those children and young people, 143 were under active youth justice case management.