

Question on Notice

No. 465

Asked on 20 April 2023

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise, between 2018 and 2023 to date in the South West region (reported separately by year) (a) how many full-time equivalent child safety officers were employed, (b) what were the caseload numbers for full-time equivalent child safety officers and (c) the highest number of caseloads assigned to a child safety officer?

ANSWER

The latest available corporate performance data is at 31 December 2022.

In response to part (a) of the question, the number of funded staff (FTE) for child safety officers who provide ongoing support to children and young people in the South West Region as at 31 December 2022 – 172.5; 31 December 2021 – 162.5; 30 June 2021 – 152.5; 30 June 2020 – 144.5; 30 June 2019 – 143.5; and 30 June 2018 – 146.0.

In response to part (b) of the question, data regarding the average caseload is calculated for each funded FTE child safety officer providing ongoing support to children and young people as at the reference date. The average caseload for child safety officers working with children subject to ongoing support for the South West Region as at 31 December 2022 – 16.4; 31 December 2021 – 16.2; 30 June 2021 – 17.1; 30 June 2020 – 18.7; 30 June 2019 – 17.6; and 30 June 2018 – 17.1.

In response to part (c) of the question, to provide specific data about individual child safety officer caseloads would require the manual extraction of information from individual staff files and would divert significant resources from important frontline service delivery.