

Question on Notice

No. 649

Asked on 24 May 2023

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of missing child reports made to Queensland Police Service for children living in residential care (reported separately by region and year) for the last five years?

ANSWER

When a child is missing from their placement, the matter is taken seriously and every effort is made to quickly locate and return the child to their placement.

Staff from the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) work closely with carers, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) and other relevant agencies while there are concerns a child is missing.

DCSSDS does not hold data on the number of missing child reports made to the QPS for children living in residential care.