

Question on Notice

No. 822

Asked on 15 June 2023

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services (HON C CRAWFORD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of assaults on residential care staff by children (reported separately by year and region) for the last three years?

ANSWER

Data relating to the number of assaults on residential care staff by children is not part of the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services' regular corporate performance reporting.

To provide the specific data requested would require the manual review of individual files/records/incident reports and would divert resources from important frontline service delivery.

As residential care staff are employed by non-government organisations, it is these service providers that manage any assaults related to their staff, this includes contacting police and other emergency services to respond to incidents or episodes where there is an immediate safety risk or a criminal concern.