**Question on Notice**

No. QON 859

Asked on 16 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 detail the costs of residential care (reported separately by region and year) for the last three years for (a) management, (b) maintenance and (c) invoices raised with incident reports?

**ANSWER**

Due to their experiences of abuse and neglect, children and young people living in residential care are more likely to have experienced serious trauma, disability and mental health, and to have complex, challenging and high-risk behaviours.

Properties owned or leased by non-government organisations (NGOs) funded to deliver residential care services are the responsibility of the NGO. The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services (DCSSDS) does not have access to NGO corporate data relating to their property management and maintenance. For example, costs relating to cleaning, yard maintenance, light fittings etc.

In response to part a) of the question, the management costs for departmental owned residential care properties is as follows: Far North Queensland Region – 2020/2021 $42,477, 2021/2022 $43,114, 2022/2023 $44,356; North Queensland Region – 2020/2021 $0, 2021/2022 $34,794, 2022/2023 $107,394; Sunshine Coast and Central Region – 2020/2021 $68,564, 2021/2022 $69,592; 2022/2023 $71,596; South East Region – 2020/2021 $137,130, 2021/2022 $139,184, 2022/2023 $143,192; Brisbane Moreton Bay Region – 2020/2021 $34,282; 2021/2022 $34,796, 2022/2023 $35,798; and South West Region – 2020/2021 $76,759, 2021/2022 $77,910, 2022/2023 $80,154.

In response to part b) maintenance costs and part c) invoices raised with regard to incident reports. Data relating to the maintenance and incident reports of departmental owned properties is not separated by service use. Data specifically for departmental owned residential care properties is not able to be extracted from the broader corporate performance reporting and to do so would require the manual review of individual files/records/incident reports which would divert resources from frontline service delivery.