Question on Notice No. 988 Asked on 24 August 2023

MS A CAMM ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (reported separately by year) for the last three years, the number of missing child reports received by QPS from (a) residential care staff, (b) Child Safety staff and (c) foster carers?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS), the number of reports related to children missing from out-of-home care received by the QPS for 2020 was 2,435, for 2021 was 1,840, and for 2022 was 1,230.

I am further advised that to break down this response to the detail asked in this question would require a manual examination of individual records which is considered by the QPS an unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.

Notes:

- 1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
- 2. Data relates to missing person [1601] occurrences where the person was involved as 'missing' and 'child in care'.
- 3. Data relates to persons aged 17 years and under.
- 4. Data also include persons located.