

Question on Notice

No. 104

Asked on 15 February 2024

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON C MULLEN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide as at 30 September 2023, a breakdown of the number of children in residential care by (a) region and (b) region and age?

ANSWER

Residential care services generally support up to three or four young people with moderate to extreme needs in the one home. Qualified staff are rostered to provide care, supervision and the therapeutic supports required to keep these highly vulnerable young people safe and well.

Data on the number of children in residential care by age grouping is publicly available on the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services' Our Performance website (www.performance.cyjma.qld.gov.au/).

In response to part (a) of the question, as at 30 September 2023 the number of children in residential care by region was:

- Brisbane and Moreton Bay – 360;
- Far North Queensland – 196;
- North Queensland – 214;
- South East – 368;
- South West – 444; and
- Sunshine Coast and Central – 225.

In response to part (b) of the question, as at 30 September 2023, the number of children in residential care by region and age group was:

- Brisbane and Moreton Bay – 0 to 9 years - 75; 10 to 14 years - 169; and 15 to 17 years - 116.
- Far North Queensland – 0 to 9 years - 37; 10 to 14 years - 86; and 15 to 17 years - 73.
- North Queensland – 0 to 9 years - 33; 10 to 14 years - 108; and 15 to 17 years - 73.
- South East – 0 to 9 years - 82; 10 to 14 years - 161; and 15 to 17 years - 125.
- South West – 0 to 9 years - 73; 10 to 14 years - 190; and 15 to 17 years - 181.
- Sunshine Coast and Central – 0 to 9 years - 15; 10 to 14 years - 99; and 15 to 17 years - 111.