Question on Notice

No. 178

Asked on 6 March 2024

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister detail the amount spent on commercial accommodation by Child Safety, (reported separately by region) for the 2021-22, 2022-23 financial years and the current financial year to date?

ANSWER

The Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services utilises short term commercial accommodation for a variety of circumstances when caring for young people in the child protection system. These circumstances include emergency accommodation, relief accommodation and family contact accommodation requirements.

Commercial accommodation expenditure for young people in the child protection system, by region and from 2021-22 to the current financial year to date, is summarised below:

- Brisbane and Moreton Bay 2021-22 \$25,658.96; 2022-23 \$51,778.64; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) - \$13,772.40.
- Far North Queensland 2021-22 \$19,484.14; 2022-23 \$11,435.68; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) \$6,354.29.
- North Queensland 2021-22 \$133,593.62; 2022-23 \$96,669.77; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) \$36,816.57.
- South East 2021-22 \$30,090.60; 2022-2023 \$ 20,026.66; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) \$2,941.25 .
- South West 2021-22 \$290,898.83; 2022-23 \$355,817.28; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) \$65,197.82.
- Sunshine Coast and Central 2021-22 \$15,944.32; 2022-23 \$11,412.24; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) \$1,174.51.
- Whole-of-Department 2021-22 \$2,050.73; 2022-23 \$5,113.28; 2023-24 (YTD February 2024) - \$6,690.72.