

## Question on Notice

No. 446

Asked on 23 April 2026

**MS J HOWARD** asked the Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON A CAMM)—

### QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the total number of children living in residential care in the preceding 12 month period (e.g. March 2025 to March 2026, or closest reportable period), reported separately by month?

### ANSWER

The latest available corporate performance data relating to children living in residential care, is as at 31 March 2025 and is available from the Department of Families, Seniors, Disability Services and Child Safety website at [www.performance.dcssds.qld.gov.au/improving-care-and-post-care-support](http://www.performance.dcssds.qld.gov.au/improving-care-and-post-care-support), Table 2.

To provide specific data by month would require further extraction of information and divert significant resources from important frontline service delivery.

The latest available child safety operational data relating to children living in residential care is as at 18 February 2026 and available at [www.performance.dcssds.qld.gov.au/our-performance/operational-data/care-arrangements](http://www.performance.dcssds.qld.gov.au/our-performance/operational-data/care-arrangements). It is important to note that this data is indicative only and not comparable to previous corporate data.

Operational data has not been through a rigorous data cleansing process, and as such there is a margin of error to be considered when reviewing the data.