



Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022

ANSWER TO QUESTION TAKEN ON NOTICE

Asked by **DR MARISA PATERSON** on 9 November 2022: MS CATHERINE RULE took on notice the following question(s):

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In relation to: children and young people in foster and kinship care:

DR PATERSON: And is the data on the average length of the children and young people in the care of a foster or kinship carer?

MS RULE: We would be able to extract that data from our system, but we do not have it with us today.

MINISTER STEPHEN-SMITH: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

As at 30 June 2022, the average length of time a child or young person of any age was in the care of a foster or kinship carer is 54 months (4.5 years).

Please note this data is based on the national definition of out of home care and excludes children on Enduring Parental Responsibility orders.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Health and Community Wellbeing

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Date:

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By the Acting Minister for Families and Community Services, Chris Steel MLA