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AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

***A Step Up for Our Kids* - Snapshot Report**

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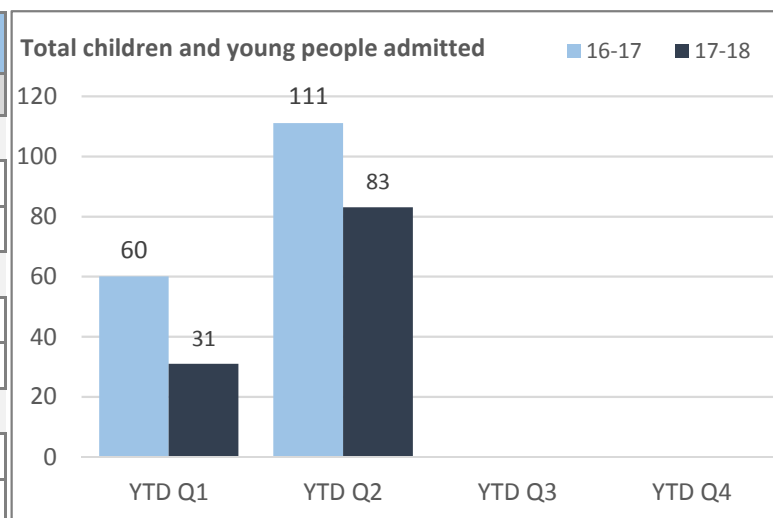
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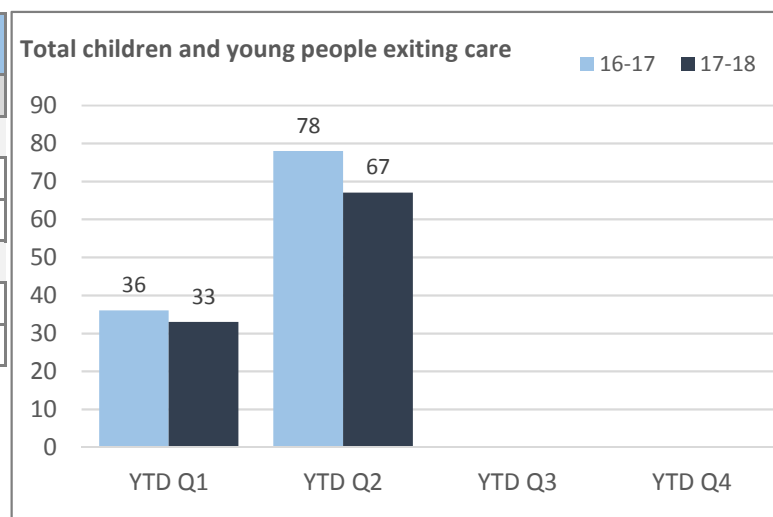
1. Number of children and young people entering care*

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18		YTD Q2 2016-17	
Total children and young people admitted	31	100%	83	100%	-	-	-	-	111	100%
By Entry Type										
<i>Returning client</i>	8	26%	19	23%	-	-	-	-	17	15%
<i>New client</i>	23	74%	64	77%	-	-	-	-	95	86%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
<i>Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children</i>	11	35%	32	39%	-	-	-	-	35	32%
<i>Other Children</i>	20	65%	51	61%	-	-	-	-	76	68%
By Sex										
<i>Female</i>	17	55%	44	53%	-	-	-	-	64	58%
<i>Male</i>	14	45%	39	47%	-	-	-	-	47	42%



2. Number of children and young people exiting care*

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18		YTD Q2 2016-17	
Total children and young people exiting care	33	100%	67	100%	-	-	-	-	78	100%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
<i>Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children</i>	5	15%	12	18%	-	-	-	-	19	24%
<i>Other Children</i>	28	85%	55	82%	-	-	-	-	59	76%
By Sex										
<i>Female</i>	17	52%	35	52%	-	-	-	-	43	55%
<i>Male</i>	16	48%	32	48%	-	-	-	-	35	45%

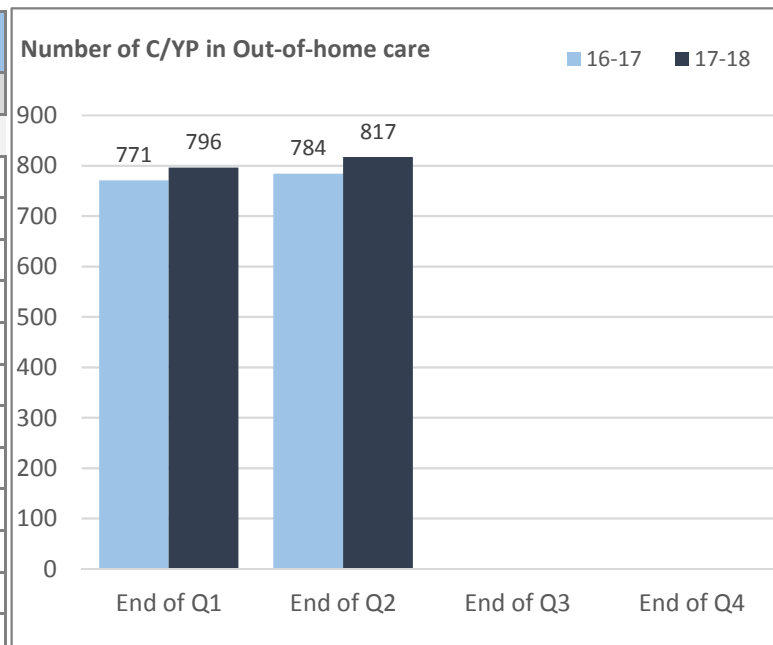


*'Entering care' is defined as admission to out of home care in the counting period for the first time or after exiting care more than 60 days prior to this admission (based on AIHW national counting rules). 'Exiting care' is defined as exiting out of home care in the counting period, with no return to out of home care within 60 days (based on AIHW national counting rules).

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3. Number of children and young people in out-of-home-care by order type (point in time figures)

	as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18		as at 31/12/16	
Number of C/YP in Out-of-home care	796	100%	817	100%	-	-	-	-	784	100%
By Order Type										
Long term order (order to 18 years)^{1a}	544	68%	562	69%	-	-	-	-	512	65%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	153	28%	161	29%	-	-	-	-	128	25%
Other Children	391	72%	401	71%	-	-	-	-	384	75%
Long term order (3rd party parental resp.)^{1b}	90	11%	89	11%	-	-	-	-	91	12%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	27	30%	27	30%	-	-	-	-	24	26%
Other Children	63	70%	62	70%	-	-	-	-	67	74%
Short term orders (<2 years order time)²	96	12%	95	12%	-	-	-	-	93	12%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	24	25%	27	28%	-	-	-	-	36	39%
Other Children	72	75%	68	72%	-	-	-	-	57	61%
Interim orders³	48	6%	50	6%	-	-	-	-	66	8%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	23	48%	23	46%	-	-	-	-	25	38%
Other Children	25	52%	27	54%	-	-	-	-	41	62%
No Care and Protection orders⁴	13	2%	15	2%	-	-	-	-	15	2%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	2	15%	2	13%	-	-	-	-	2	13%
Other Children	11	85%	13	87%	-	-	-	-	13	87%
Voluntary care agreements	5	1%	6	1%	-	-	-	-	7	1%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	1	20%	3	50%	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Other Children	4	80%	3	50%	-	-	-	-	7	100%



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4. Number of children and young people in out-of-home care by placement type (point in time figures)

	as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18		as at 31/12/16	
Total C/YP in Out-of-home care	796	100%	817	100%	-	-	-	-	784	100%
By Placement Type*										
Foster Care	277	35%	275	34%	-	-	-	-	287	37%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	75	27%	76	28%	-	-	-	-	73	25%
Other Children	202	73%	199	72%	-	-	-	-	214	75%
Kinship care	390	49%	417	51%	-	-	-	-	367	47%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	119	31%	133	32%	-	-	-	-	109	30%
Other Children	271	69%	284	68%	-	-	-	-	258	70%
Kinship - EPR / FGC order	50	6%	50	6%	-	-	-	-	51	7%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	13	26%	13	26%	-	-	-	-	12	24%
Other Children	37	74%	37	74%	-	-	-	-	39	76%
Ex-Foster - EPR / FGC order⁵	37	5%	37	5%	-	-	-	-	39	5%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	14	38%	14	38%	-	-	-	-	12	31%
Other Children	23	62%	23	62%	-	-	-	-	27	69%
Residential	38	5%	35	4%	-	-	-	-	39	5%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	8	21%	7	20%	-	-	-	-	9	23%
Other Children	30	79%	28	80%	-	-	-	-	30	77%
Other⁶	4	1%	3	0%	-	-	-	-	1	0%
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children	1	25%	0	0%	-	-	-	-	0	0%
Other Children	3	75%	3	100%	-	-	-	-	1	100%

* the total number of C/YP by placement types will not be equal to the grand total figure as each C/YP could be in multiple placement during the reporting period

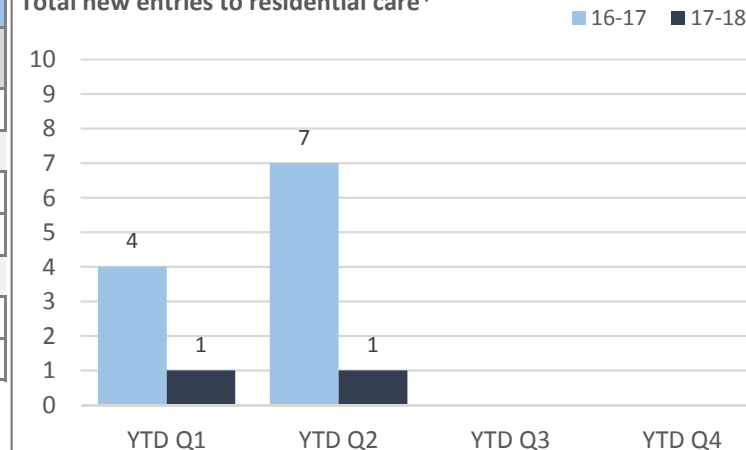
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5. Number of new entries in residential care placements as a proportion of all admissions to care

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18		YTD Q2 2016-17	
Total admitted c/yp in the period	31	100%	83	100%					111	100%
<i>Total new entries to residential care*</i>	1	3%	1	1%	-	-	-	-	7	6%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
<i>Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children</i>	0	0%	0	0%	-	-	-	-	3	43%
<i>Other Children</i>	1	100%	1	100%	-	-	-	-	4	57%
By Sex										
<i>Female</i>	1	100%	1	100%	-	-	-	-	3	43%
<i>Male</i>	0	0%	0	0%	-	-	-	-	4	57%

*figures include c/yp who have not been in residential care previously

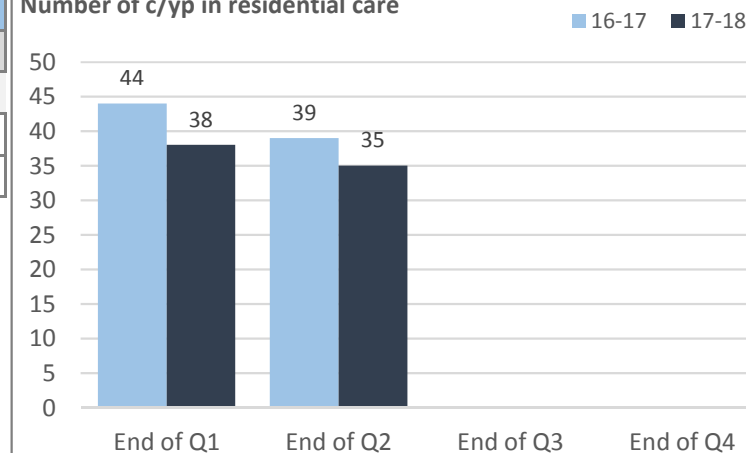
Total new entries to residential care*



6. Number of children and young people in residential care by age - point in time

	as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18		as at 31/12/16	
Number of c/yp in residential care	38	100%	35	100%	-	-	-	-	39	100%
By Age group⁸										
<i>Under 12 years of age</i>	9	24%	9	26%	-	-	-	-	8	21%
<i>12 years and above</i>	29	76%	26	74%	-	-	-	-	31	79%

Number of c/yp in residential care

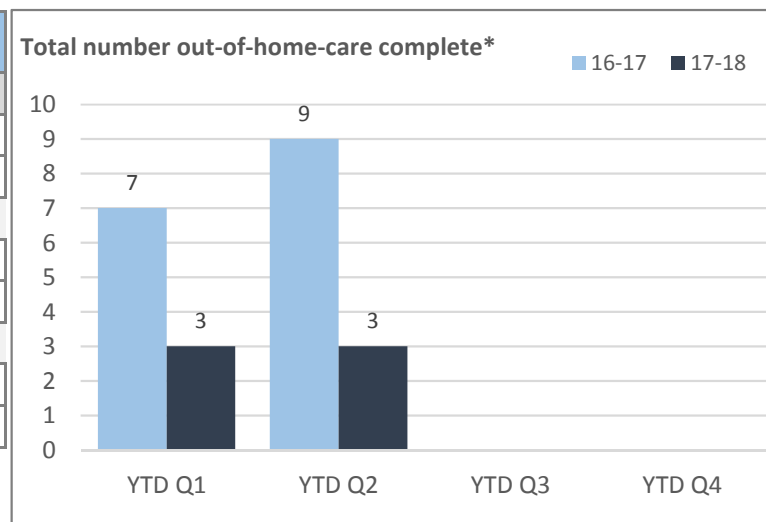


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7. Number of EPRs and adoption from out-of-home care complete

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18		YTD Q2 2016-17	
Total number out-of-home-care complete*	3	100%	3	100%	-	-	-	-	9	100%
<i>EPR's from out-of-home-care</i>	2	67%	2	67%	-	-	-	-	5	56%
<i>Adoptions from out-of-home-care</i>	1	33%	1	33%	-	-	-	-	4	44%
By Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander										
<i>Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children</i>	2	67%	2	67%	-	-	-	-	2	22%
<i>Other Children</i>	1	33%	1	33%	-	-	-	-	7	78%
By Sex										
<i>Female</i>	1	33%	1	33%	-	-	-	-	4	44%
<i>Male</i>	2	67%	2	67%	-	-	-	-	5	56%

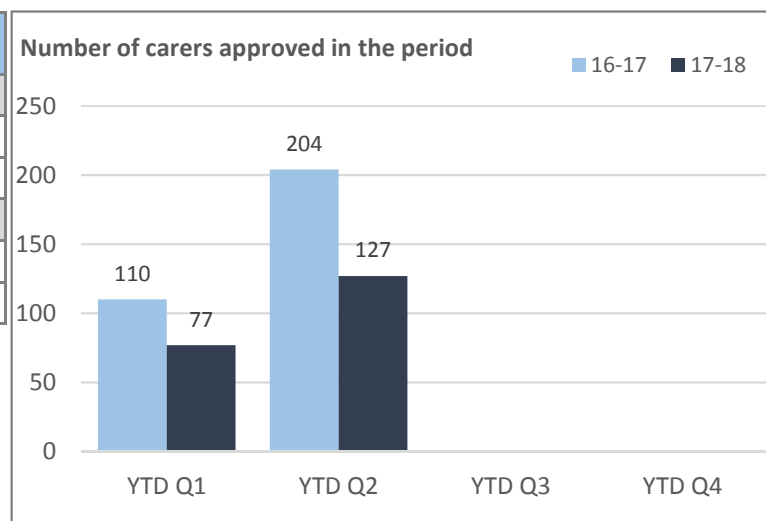
*children and young people count based on orders starting in the corresponding reporting period.



8. Number of approved⁹ carers

	YTD Q1 2017-18		YTD Q2 2017-18		YTD Q3 2017-18		YTD Q4 2017-18		YTD Q2 2016-17	
Number of carers approved in the period	77	100%	127	100%	-	-	-	-	204	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	62	81%	99	78%	-	-	-	-	184	90%
<i>Sponsored by CYPS</i>	15	19%	28	22%	-	-	-	-	20	10%
Number of carers exiting¹⁰ care in period	4	100%	6	100%	-	-	-	-	20	100%
<i>Sponsored by ACT Together</i>	0	0%	0	0%	-	-	-	-	7	35%
<i>Sponsored by CYPS</i>	4	100%	6	100%	-	-	-	-	13	65%

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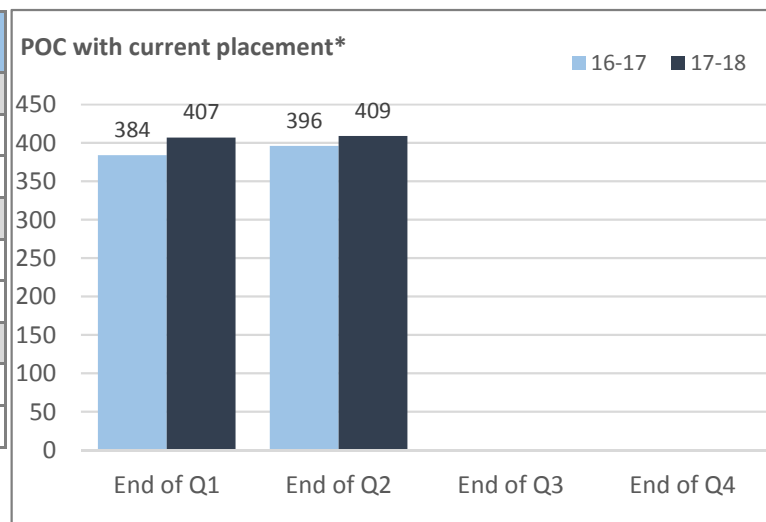


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9. Number of utilised¹¹ carer households

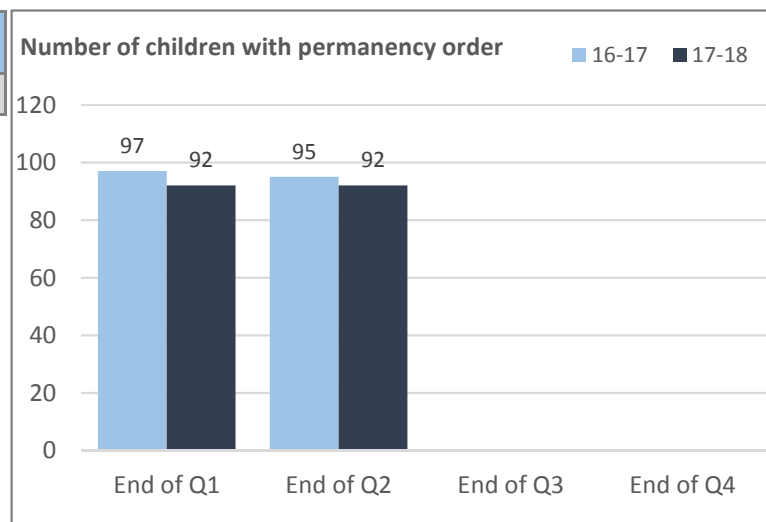
	as at 30/09/17		as at 31/12/17		as at 31/03/18		as at 30/06/18		as at 31/12/16	
POC with placements in last 2 years*	603	100%	600	100%	-	-	-	-	611	100%
Approved ¹²	567	94%	570	95%	-	-	-	-	572	94%
Pending Approval ¹³	95	16%	89	15%	-	-	-	-	100	16%
POC with placement in last 12 months*	504	100%	508	100%	-	-	-	-	511	100%
Approved ¹²	481	95%	483	95%	-	-	-	-	493	96%
Pending Approval ¹³	23	5%	25	5%	-	-	-	-	77	15%
POC with current placement*	407	100%	409	100%	-	-	-	-	396	100%
Approved ¹²	391	96%	390	95%	-	-	-	-	383	97%
Pending Approval ¹³	16	4%	19	5%	-	-	-	-	13	3%

*Totals may not match as there could be approved and unapproved placements for the same carer household in the period



10. Number of children and young people in permanency placements (EPR and paid adoption)

	as at 30/09/17	as at 31/12/17	as at 31/03/18	as at 30/06/18	as at 31/12/16
Number of children with permanency order¹⁴	92	92	-	-	95

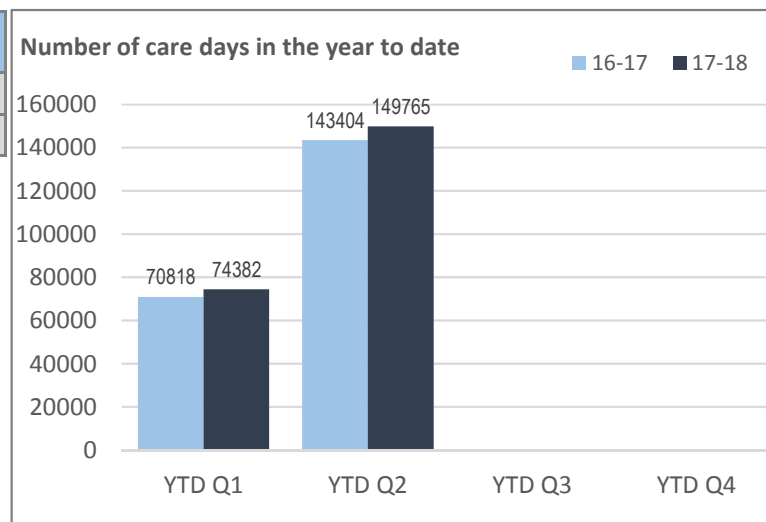


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11. Placement days and cost

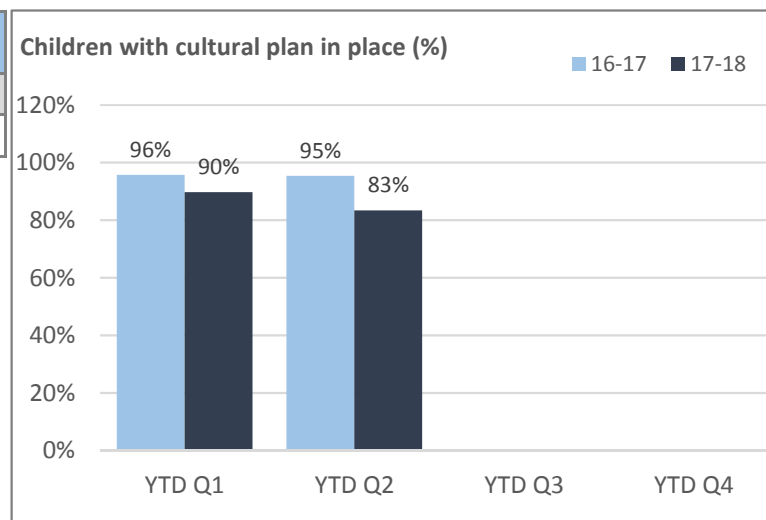
	YTD Q1 2017-18	YTD Q2 2017-18	YTD Q3 2017-18	YTD Q4 2017-18	YTD Q2 2016-17
Number of care days in the year to date ¹⁶	74382	149765	-	-	143404
Average cost per day ¹⁷		-	-	-	NA

¹⁷ Average cost per day not currently available



12. Out-of-home-care Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in-care of the Director-General with cultural plan in place

	YTD Q1 2017-18	YTD Q2 2017-18	YTD Q3 2017-18	YTD Q4 2017-18	YTD Q2 2016-17
Total number of Children in-care	204	217	-	-	192
Children with cultural plan in place (%)	90%	83%	-	-	95%



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Notes

- 1a. Long term order is a final order to 18 years of age and includes parental responsibility to Director-General and to other third parties
- 1b. Long term order (Third party parental responsibility) includes orders with Family Group Conference Agreement (s390), Final CP order - Enduring Parental Responsibility (s464 2c/ s482) and s260 - Enduring Parental Responsibility
2. Short terms orders are final order that are limited to 2 years or less
3. Interim order – order adjourned with conditions to reside and PR is usually transferred to the D-G in whole or part
4. No CP order – a small number of c/yp may be in out of home care with no ACT care and protection order. They may be on an interstate order, a YJ order or no formal order and will usually require very short periods of care.
5. The Ex-Foster – EPR order category includes the small number of paid adoptions from out of home care under section 108A of the Adoption Act 1993
6. Other includes Boarding School and any other paid arrangements such as supported accommodation in a flat, motel etc
7. Residential care is as defined in AIHW counting rules: Where the placement is in a residential building whose purpose is to provide placements for children and where there are paid staff.
8. Age is calculated as at the last day of the year to date
9. Number of carers approved is defined as the carer household has at least one carer with all approvals in place
10. Number of carers exiting is defined as carers with Place of Care end dated or Place of Care approved changed to “Inactive”
11. Utilised Carer Household is defined as one or more carers at a given address with a child in paid overnight care
12. Approved carer is defined as recorded in CHYPS as a ‘Place of Care’, where all approval paperwork (WWVP, ACA etc) has been processed
13. Pending approval carer is defined as a carer who is still in the process of approval, but a child or young person has been placed in their care. For the ‘within time’ measures a carer is only counted as unapproved if they were unapproved for the entire placement(s) or are unapproved at the time of reporting
14. Permanency Order is defined as Enduring Parental Responsibility order or Adoption order under 108A Adoption Act 1993
15. Living with person with PR is defined as in an out of home care placement with one or more carers granted PR under the Permanency Order.
16. Number of days where a subsidy payment is made for a child or young person. Includes paid respite days as well as primary care payment.
17. Cultural plans for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who are in-care of Director-General and are in out-of-home-care placement with active orders in ACT registration of interstate order (s666), Continuation of Residence Order, Final CP order - residence with PR (s464 - 2e/f or g), Interim CP order - residence with PR (s433 - 2d/f), s207 Residence Order - Final, Transfer of Interstate Order to ACT or Voluntary Care Agreement (s397) as on reporting date.