

## ESTIMATES 2007

### Question on Notice

#### Children and Young People

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**405 Children and Young People Dunne**

***QTON - Care and protection indicators indigenous***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to: Care and Protection Indicators Indigenous

1. Of the substantiated child protection reports, the 690, how many are indigenous children?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. 690 is the 2007-08 target for substantiations. The actual number of substantiations at the end of the third quarter 2006-07 was 545. Of those 62 (11%) were for indigenous children.

**412 Children and Young People Stefaniak**

***QTON - Adolescent day***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to :Output 2.2 Children Youth and Family Support (C) no of children or young people receiving targeted intervention through the Adolescent Day Unit, Schools as Communities and Youth Connection Service.

Can you provide a break down by program for the 2007-2008 target of 536.

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The breakdown of the target for the number of children or young people receiving targeted intervention through the Adolescent Day Unit, Schools as Communities and Youth Connection Service are as follows:-

Adolescent Day Unit = 20

Schools as Communities = 420

Youth Connection Service = 96

Total target = 536

**413 Children and Young People Stefaniak**

***QTON - Court orders***

**MR STEFANIAK :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to :Court Orders

Have you appealed any of those court orders or are they so few it doesn't really matter?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

There have been no appeals by the Chief Executive in the last two (2) years.

**414 Children and Young People Dunne**

***QTON - Quamby detention centre***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to :Quamby Detention Centre Education Programs

2. What happens to education programs at Quamby programs now when there isn't a staff member available to work with the teachers?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

The education programs at Quamby Youth Detention Centre (Quamby) are delivered at the Hindmarsh Education Centre (HEC). HEC is staffed by Department of Education and Training (DET), Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) and Quamby staff. All the education programs are supported by Quamby operational staff. The staff that deliver the education programs comprise four (4) DET staff and two (2) CIT staff, together with the Educational Youth Worker and Woodwork teacher from Quamby.

The routine for the delivery of the education programs involve Quamby operational staff escorting the young people to HEC, supporting the students and teachers in programs whilst also fulfilling their operational requirements to monitor, supervise and maintain safety and security.

If the situation arises that there is not enough operational staff (Quamby youth workers) to assist the teachers, then programs are rescheduled to ensure that continuity of education is not disrupted. There are occasions when programs need to be rescheduled on a particular day due to the availability of education or operational staff. The Centre works hard to minimise any disruption to education and program delivery. Disruption to the education programs due to staff shortages is a rare occurrence.

The Centre also provides a program of activities during school holidays when DET and CIT staff are often on leave. The Centre's arrangements are for at least one teacher to be available each week of the holidays, and with the support of the Quamby teaching staff and operational staff, a program of holiday and enrichment activities is delivered each day during the school holiday period.

**421 Children and Young People Dunne**

***QTON - Child and family centres***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to: Child and Family Centres

1. I know that when new people come to town and they sign up for their electricity and they are encouraged to change their electoral enrolment, there is a one-stop thing. Would you access that information to target people who are in your target group and new?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

I have asked the department to contact ActewAGL to discuss the possibility of including information for people who have recently signed up to electricity.

**422 Children and Young People Dunne**

***QTON - Non-government organisations***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to: Non Government Organisations:

1. Could you provide us with a list of NGOs that you are working with?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:–

Some of the non-government agencies that work with or from the Child and Family Centres include:

|                                      |                              |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Smith Family                         | Relationships Australia      |
| Gungahlin Regional Community Service | Belconnen Community Services |
| Community Options                    | Gungahlin Family Medical     |
| Practice                             |                              |
| Local GP's                           | Sick Children's Program      |
| Kidsafe                              | Catholic Schools             |
| Companion House                      | Interpreting Services        |
| Migrant Resource Centre              | CARE Financial Services      |
| LIONS Club – Gungahlin               | Communities @ Work           |
| YWCA                                 | Richardson Family Links      |
| Barnardos                            | Karralika                    |
| Marymead                             | Parent Line                  |
| Lifeline                             |                              |

**423 Children and Young People Dunne**

***QTON - Care and protection indicators***

**MRS DUNNE :** To ask the Minister for Children and Family Services

In relation to: Care and Protection Indicators

3. Of the 1550 substantiated cases how many were first time cases and how many children were in the care of the Chief Executive?
4. This financial year there have been 369 cases of alleged abuse while in care of the Chief Executive. How many of those have been substantiated?

**MINISTER GALLAGHER:** The answer to the Member's question is as follows:—

1. 1,550 is the 2006-07 target of substantiated reports. Of the 545 substantiated reports at the third quarter (concerning 382 children), 101 children were not previously known to child protection and 31 children were in the care of the Chief Executive.
2. Of the reports that were appraised, 60 were substantiated.