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Questions from the Hon Mark Buttigieg MLC (on behalf of the Opposition)

Temporary Accommodation

1. Could the Minister please provide an exact figure (total) for the number people in Temporary Accommodation:
 - (a) at its peak so far in 2022
 - (b) Total number of individuals who accessed temporary accommodation, per month from November 2022 to date

Answer

I am advised:

a) Number of households in Temporary Accommodation at its peak in 2022 was 1,184 on 31 January 2022.

b) Total number of households who accessed temporary accommodation, per month from November 2021 to date:

November 2021 – 3,998 households

December 2021 – 3,716 households

January 2022 – 3,782 households

February 2022 – 3,601 households.

2. Could the Minister please provide the exact number of people in Temporary Accommodation who were previously sleeping rough from November 2021 to date?

Answer

I am advised:

The number of households in Temporary Accommodation from November 2021 to 6 March 2022 that were previously sleeping rough was 2,161.

3. How many individuals accessed Temporary Accommodation in:

(a) 2019

(b) 2020

(c) 2021

(d) 2022 to date

Answer

I am advised:

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- a) 2019 - 23,817 households
- b) 2020 - 26,413 households
- c) 2021 - 25,372 households
- d) 1 January 2022 to 6 March 2022 - 6,917 households.

4. How many people exited Temporary Accommodation in 2022?

Of those how many entered:

- i. Social Housing
- ii. Together Home packages
- iii. Some form of rental assistance

Answer

I am advised:

Number of households that exited Temporary Accommodation on 1 Jan 2022 to 6 Mar 2022 was 6,674.

- i. Social Housing - 260
- ii. Together Home packages - 74 (this was for the period 1 Jan - 6 March 2022)
- iii. It is likely that all 6,674 households would have been eligible for Commonwealth rent Assistance, but DCJ does not have access to data on how many received it.

5. Could the Minister provide figures relating to the number of women who utilised Temporary Accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date?

- (a) How many of these women were over 55?

Answer

I am advised:

The number of women who accessed Temporary Accommodation (as main applicant) from 1 July 2021 to 6 March 2022 was 11,273.

The number of women over 55 years of age who accessed Temporary Accommodation (as main applicant) from 1 July 2021 to 6 March 2022 was 818.

6. How many women who utilised temporary accommodation from 1 July 2021 to date have entered social housing or permanent tenancy?

Answer

I am advised:

Number of women who accessed Temporary Accommodation (as main applicant) and accessed social housing or permanent tenancy from 1 July 2021 to 6 March 2022 was:

874 - Social Housing

750 - Private Rental Products.

7. Could the Minister provide details of people who accessed Temporary accommodation by: (a) allocation zone; and

- (b) geographic region

Answer

I am advised:

See below breakdown of households assisted with Temporary Accommodation during 2020/21 by district.

District	# Households	# People
Central Coast	1505	2250
Far West	3	3
Hunter New England	4167	6248
Illawarra Shoalhaven	1707	2468
Mid North Coast	1723	2821
Murrumbidgee	1259	1858
Nepean Blue Mountains	1015	1457
Northern NSW	1837	2678
Northern Sydney	561	693
South Eastern Sydney	2937	3466
South Western Sydney	3074	4443
Southern NSW	813	1287
Sydney	848	1214
Western NSW	1602	2615
Western Sydney	2334	3973
STATE	25385	37474

Social Housing Waiting List

8. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22:
- (a) November 2021
 - (b) December 2021
 - (c) January 2022
 - (d) February 2022
 - (e) March 2022

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of people on the social housing waiting list is released annually. The most recent data (as at 30 June 2021) is publicly available on the Expected Waiting Times Dashboard. The total number of households on the NSW Housing Register is 49,928 (5,801 priority and 44,127 general):

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

9. How many people on the social housing waiting list are currently experiencing homelessness?

Answer

I am advised:

We would not know currently how many people are homeless on the social housing wait list because there is no requirement on them to update us as to their circumstances.

10. Could the Minister please provide the number of people on the priority social housing waiting list for the following months in 2021/22:

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- (a) January 2021
- (b) February 2021
- (c) March 2021
- (d) April 2021
- (e) May 2021
- (f) June 2021
- (g) July 2021
- (h) August 2021
- (i) September 2021
- (j) October 2021
- (k) November 2021
- (l) December 2021
- (m) January 2021
- (n) February 2022
- (o) March 2022

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of people on the social housing waiting list is released annually. The most recent data (as at 30 June 2021) is publicly available on the Expected Waiting Times Dashboard. The total number of households on the NSW Housing Register is 49,928 (5,801 priority and 44,127 general):

<https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

11. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

The Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022 provides data on the number of people who were newly housed in Public Housing, State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing (SOMIH - equating to Aboriginal Housing Office managed properties in NSW) and Community Housing in 2020-21 (see Tables 18A.5, 18A.6 and 18A.7): <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>

The proportion that were housed from the general and priority (referred to as 'greatest need' in ROGS 2022) waiting list is provided in Tables 18A.15, 18A.16 and 18A.17

12. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 11.

13. How many applications on the waiting list (general) were fulfilled during 2022?

Answer

I am advised:

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

14. How many applications on the waiting list (priority) were fulfilled during 2022?

Answer

I am advised:

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

15. Could the Minister please provide an updated breakdown of the social housing waiting list by allocation zone?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 8.

16. What is the average wait time to secure social housing for those on the social housing waiting list in FY 2021/22 to date?

(a) What is the median wait time?

Answer

I am advised:

Social housing waiting list times are based on medians, not averages (mean).

(a) This data is not publicly available: The median wait time of newly housed general applicants in public and Aboriginal housing properties in 2020-21 was 20 months.

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

17. What is the average wait time for people to access social housing for those on the priority social housing waiting list in FY 2021/22?

(a) What is the median wait time?

Answer

Social housing waiting list times are based on medians, not averages.

The median wait time of newly-housed priority applicants in public and Aboriginal housing properties in 2020-21 was 2.2 months. Data for 2020-21 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21.

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

18. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the number and proportion by age and gender of *Families and Communities, Disability Services*

people on the current waiting list?

- (a) 55-65 years
- (b) 65-75 years
- (c) 75 – 80 years
- (d) 80 and over

Answer

I am advised:

Data on age breakdown of applicant household heads on the NSW Housing Register at 30 June from 2012 to 2020 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21. This data counts household heads on the NSW Housing Register at 30 June, however age groupings for household heads according to the question asked are not separately available. The age categories are as follows: under 18, 18 – 24 years, 25 – 54 years and 55 years and over.

19. How many people aged 80 years in the general waiting list have been added to the priority waiting list over the last 5 years?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on age breakdown of applicant household heads on the NSW Housing Register at 30 June from 2012 to 2020 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data as at 30 June 2021, is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21. This data counts household heads on the NSW Housing Register at 30 June, however age groupings for household heads aged 80 and over are not separately available. The age categories are as follows: under 18, 18 – 24 years, 25 – 54 years and 55 years and over.

20. Could the Minister please provide a gender breakdown (number and proportion) of the people who were added to the priority list upon turning 80 years over the last 5 years?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 19.

21. What was the average time of people over 80 years in the priority list getting housing once they get on the priority list?

Answer

I am advised:

The median wait time for all newly housed priority applicants in public and Aboriginal housing

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properties in 2020-21 was 2.2 months. Data for 2020-21 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21.

Data on waiting times for people on the priority waiting list broken down by age group of household head is not publicly available.

22. What is the average time for people over 55 years in the general waiting list (across all geographic areas) getting housing?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on waiting times for people on the general waiting list broken down by age group of household head is not publicly available.

23. How many people on the current social housing waiting list identify as LGBTQIA+?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on how many people on the current social housing waiting list who identify as LGBTQIA+ is not captured in the system.

24. How many people on the current social housing priority waiting list identify as LGBTQIA+?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 23.

25. How many people on the current social housing waiting list identify as CALD?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of people on the NSW Housing Register who identify as CALD as at 30 June from 2012 to 2020 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21.

26. How many people on the current social housing priority waiting list identify as CALD?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 25.

Housing Tenants

27. How many people are currently housed in NSW public and community housing and Indigenous

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housing?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of households (tenancies) in social housing as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022. This data is broken down by households in Public Housing, State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing (SOMIH - equating to AHO managed properties in NSW) and Community Housing: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>.

28. What are their age and gender profiles? (number and proportion over 55-65 years, 65-75 years, 75 years and over)

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of households (tenancies) in social housing broken down by age of household head is not publicly available.

Rent Choice

29. How many people over 55 years received rent choice?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on applicants receiving private rental assistance products (including Rent Choice) is reported annually. The most recent published data is for 2019-20 and is publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data for 2020-21 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21. During 2020-21, 248 households where the household head was aged 55 and over had received Rent Choice. Of these, 185 (74.6%) were female and 63 (25.4%) were male.

30. Could the Minister please provide a gender breakdown by number and proportion of the rent choice participants over 55?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 29.

Homelessness Services in NSW

31. How many people have been turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by specialist homelessness services in NSW during:

(a) 2021

(b) 2022

Answer

I am advised:

During 2020-21, 22,709 SHS clients had an unmet need for accommodation. (Source: AIHW SHS Annual Report 2020-21)

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

32. How many women were turned away or not had their accommodation needs met by women's shelters and specialist homelessness services in NSW during:

- (a) 2021
- (b) 2022

Answer

I am advised:

During 2020-21, 9,734 women (females aged 18 or older) in Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) had an unmet need for accommodation. (Source: AIHW SHS annual report and AIHW data cubes - <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/homelessness-services/shsc-data-cubes/contents/specialist-homelessness-services-collection-shsc-data-cubes>)

Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

Link2Home

33. Can you please provide the number of callers or clients by age and gender of people who interacted with Link2home during 2022:

- (a) Clients aged 55-65 years
- (b) Clients aged 65- 75 years
- (c) Clients aged 75 and over

Answer

I am advised:

Link2Home caller profile from 01 January to 28 February 2022:

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 12	2	2	4
12 to 18	314	467	781
19 to 24	887	1283	2170
25 to 34	2033	2262	4295
35 to 44	2077	1890	3967
45 to 54	1442	1048	2490
55 to 64	485	291	776
65 to 74	158	140	298

Complaints and correspondence

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34. How many complaints has the Minister's office received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021
- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

Answer

I am advised:

I can confirm that from July 2021 up to 2 March 2022, my office and the former Minister for Families and Communities and Disability Services' office received 2,188 correspondence from social housing tenants. I can also confirm that any correspondence received has been registered for appropriate response or action.

I can advise that there are timeframes in place in order to respond or contact social housing tenants in relation to correspondence received through my office. I understand that while not all tenants will receive written correspondence in relation to their issues raised, they will be contacted directly by the Department.

I would also like to confirm that should a tenant receive written correspondence from the Department or myself in relation to their matters, they will be provided with direct contact details for the appropriate DCJ Housing representative to discuss matters further and continue working towards a resolution should their matter not be resolved.

35. How many complaints has DCJ received from tenants in social housing during the following months:

- (a) July 2021
- (b) August 2021
- (c) September 2021
- (d) October 2021
- (e) November 2021
- (f) December 2021

- (g) January 2022
- (h) February 2022
- (i) March 2022

i. How many of these complaints have been resolved?

Answer

I am advised:

The Department's Housing Client Feedback Unit, which provides a central triage point for feedback and complaints, received 14,702 contacts from clients, stakeholders and members of the public from 1 July 2021 to 10 March 2022. This resulted in 1,920 complaints (13%) and the remaining 87% of contacts primarily related to service requests, enquiries and advice. I am further advised that 95% of the complaints received during the time period outlined have been resolved.

I understand that Community Housing Providers receive and manage their own complaints directly.

36. What is the total number of correspondence from social housing tenants the Minister's office has received in 2022?

- (a) How many pieces of correspondence have been responded to? (b)

What is the average wait time for a response?

Answer

I am advised:

The Minister's Office has received 240 pieces of correspondence from social housing tenants in 2022.

- a) 68 pieces of correspondence have been responded to
- b) 19 days is the average wait time for a response

DCJ

37. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Executive Organisation Chart for DCJ?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see **attachment 1** - Executive org chart.

38. Could the Minister please provide the most recent copy of the Organisation Chart for Housing, Disability and District Services of DCJ?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see **attachment 2** - Housing Disability and District Services (Southern) org chart.

39. Could the Minister provide a list of Executive staff that she is directly responsible for?

Answer

I am advised:

There are a number of positions in each Ministers' office to ensure it carries out its day to day functions and supports the Minister.

40. How many forced redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?

- (a) Which executive members were made redundant?
- (b) What was the total cost of these redundancies?

Answer

I am advised:

Under s.41 of the Government Sector Employment Act a Senior Executive may be terminated for any or no reason and there is no specific provision for either voluntary or involuntary redundancy. Termination payments are specified by the GSE Regulations. This financial year to date, there have been two PSSE (Band 1) termination payments made in the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) totalling \$111,730.03. DCJ does not share role titles or personal details under its privacy obligations to employees.

41. How many voluntary redundancies of executive members occurred during the financial year 2021/22?

- (a) Which executive members were made voluntarily redundant?
- (b) What was the total cost of these voluntary redundancies?

Answer

I am advised:

See response to supplementary question 40.

Social Housing Tenants

42. At the present time how many social housing tenants are there in NSW? (a)

How many tenants have:

- i. Requested transfers?
- ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
- iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
- iv. Been evicted from social housing?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on social housing tenants who have requested transfers is not publicly available.

Data on social housing tenants who have left social housing by exit reason is reported annually. The most recent published data is for 2019-20 and is publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21

43. In 2021 how many social housing tenants were there in NSW? (a)

How many tenants have:

- i. Requested transfers?
- ii. Left social housing to private tenancy?
- iii. Left social housing to homelessness or unknown tenancy/location?
- iv. Been evicted from social housing?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 42

44. Of those social housing tenants that have requested a transfer how many were granted in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22?

- (a) What is the breakdown as to why these transfers were requested?
- (b) How many of these properties were then reallocated to different tenants within six months?
- (c) How many properties deemed unsafe or unsatisfactory were then reallocated, without any significant work completed, to new tenants?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on social housing tenants that have requested a transfer is not publicly available.

Question (c) should be directed to the Minister for Planning and Minister for Homes, as the Minister responsible for LAHC.

Social Housing Tenants - Evictions

45. What is the broad breakdown of reasons tenants were evicted from social housing in FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date)?

- (a) How many tenants were evicted from properties that were later sold during:
 - i. FY 2011/12
 - ii. FY 2012/13

- iii. FY 2013/14
- iv. FY 2014/15
- v. FY 2015/16
- vi. FY 2016/17
- vii. FY 2017/18
- viii. FY 2018/19
- ix. FY 2019/20
- x. FY 2020/21
- xi. FY 2021/22 (to date)

(b) How many tenants were relocated from properties that were later sold during:

- i. FY 2011/12
- ii. FY 2012/13
- iii. FY 2013/14
- iv. FY 2014/15
- v. FY 2015/16
- vi. FY 2016/17
- vii. FY 2017/18
- viii. FY 2018/19
- ix. FY 2019/20
- x. FY 2020/21
- xi. FY 2021/22 (to date)

Answer

I am advised:

Data on social housing tenants who have left social housing by exit reason is reported annually. The most recent published data is for 2019-20 and is publicly available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21.

Questions regarding selling of social housing properties should be referred to the Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC) to provide response.

46. How many tenants have submitted appeals or requested hearings from NCAT relating to their social housing tenancy?

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Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Civil and Administrative (NCAT) 2020-2021 Annual Report, which is publicly available, outlines social housing applications during 2020-2021.

47. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date) relating to defending cases heard at NCAT?

Answer

I am advised:

Information concerning the cost of legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22(to date) relating to defending cases heard at NCAT is not available.

48. How many tenants have DCJ taken to NCAT during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date)?

Answer

I am advised that this information is not publicly available

49. What is the total amount that has been spent on legal advice during FY 2020/21 and FY 2021/22 (to date) relating to taking tenants to NCAT?

Answer

I am advised:

See response to supplementary question 47 above.

Rent from Public and Social Housing Tenants

50. What is the total gross income the NSW Government receives from public and social housing tenants rent for the following years?

- (a) FY 2016/17
- (b) FY 2017/18
- (c) FY 2018/19
- (d) FY 2019/20
- (e) FY 2020/21
- (f) FY 2021/22 (to date)

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes as the Minister responsible for LAHC and the Aboriginal Housing Office.

Tenant Satisfaction Survey

51. Could the Minister please provide a copy of the most recent tenant satisfaction survey or report?
- (a) Who was this report shared with?
 - (b) When was the Minister briefed on this report?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

Minister's Office

52. How many Ministerial staff redundancies occurred there during the Ministerial changeover in late 2021?
- (a) How many were:
 - i. Forced
 - ii. Voluntary

Answer

I am advised:

Ministerial employees do not receive redundancy payments. They are entitled to severance payments pursuant to the Determination by the Premier of the Conditions for Employment for Political Office Holders' Staff.

This is a standard process that occurs with a new Ministry.

53. As a result of the Ministry reshuffle in late 2021, 31 severance payments have been paid as of 25 March 2022. What is the total cost of these redundancies?

Answer

I am advised:

\$1,385,708

54. What was the total value in dollar terms of all termination payments paid to exiting staff?

Answer

I am advised:

See response to supplementary question 53.

55. What was the total cost of the following from Oct 2021 – March 2021: (a)
- Office fit outs
 - (b) Office Upgrades
 - (c) Moving or relocation services

- (d) Plants
- (e) Business Cards
- (f) Stationary
- (g) Art
- (h) Book cases or other office furniture

Answer

I am advised:

From 1 October 2021 to date (23 March 2022), costs exclusive of GST (for the whole Ministry):

- (a) Office fit-outs - \$95,600.99
- (b) Office Upgrades - \$11,990
- (c) Moving or relocation services - \$16,944.80
- (d) Plants - \$272
- (e) & (f) Business Cards and stationery - \$55,639
- (g) Art – No new artwork was requested by the Ministry
- (h) Bookcases or other office furniture - \$20,848.73

56. Were any upgrades or alterations made to the office during or after the Ministerial changeover?

Answer

I am advised:

See response to supplementary question 55.

57. Were any office assets unaccounted for after the Ministerial changeover?

- (a) If so, could an itemised list please be provided with the costs of the assets

Answer

I am advised:

No.

58. How many full-time equivalent staff are engaged at 1 January 2022?

Answer

I am advised:

197.8 across all Ministerial offices.

59. How many of these positions are:

- (a) on-going and
- (b) non-ongoing

Answer

I am advised:

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See response to supplementary question 58.

60. Could the Minister please provide job titles for all current positions/employees in the Minister's office?

Answer

I am advised:

There are a number of positions in each Ministers' office to ensure it carries out its day to day functions and supports the Minister.

61. Could the Minister please provide total (incl. superannuation and other benefits) remuneration awarded to each member of staff and their corresponding job title?

Answer

I am advised:

Ministers' office staff numbers and salary bands are available on the DPC website

62. How much has been spent on ministerial stationery requirements in FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22 to date.

Answer

I am advised:

Ministers' offices spent \$86,866 on stationery, business cards, and other basic office supplies in FY20-21. Expenditure in FY21-22 to date (23 March 22) was \$64,881.

63. How much did the Minister's office spend on Christmas Party Functions in 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

No expenditure for Christmas Party Functions was paid from Ministers' office budgets.

64. Does the Minister have a clothing allowance?

(a) If so, what is it?

(b) Could an itemised list be provided and cost associated with each item

Answer

I am advised:

The Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal does not provide Ministers with a clothing allowance.

65. What requests have been made from the Minister regarding office upgrades or furniture?

(a) Could details of these requests be provided?

Answer

I am advised:

See response to supplementary question 55.

Briefings

66. Has the Minister's office provided briefings to independents/minor parties in the Legislative Council or Legislative Assembly? If so, can the following be provided:

- (a) The subject matter of the briefing.
- (b) The location and date of the briefing.
- (c) Who proposed the briefing?
- (d) Attendees of the briefing by level/position

Answer

The Government regularly engages with all parties, and independents, across the Parliament.

Communications staff

67. For all departments and agencies, please provide – in relation to all public relations, communications and media staff – By Department or agency, the following:

- (a) How many ongoing staff, the classification, the type of work they undertake and their location.
- (b) How many non-ongoing staff, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location.
- (c) How many contractors, their classification, type of work they undertake and their location
- (d) How many are graphic designers
- (e) How many are media managers
- (f) How many organise events

Answer

I am advised:

Information for all departments and agencies is not held centrally.

For the Communications Branch in the Corporate Services division of DCJ, which provides support across multiple ministerial portfolio areas:

a)

Classification	Number of ongoing roles	Location
Band 1 SES	2	Ashfield, NSW
Grade 11/12	7	Ashfield, NSW
Grade 9/10	13	Ashfield, NSW
Grade 7/8	10	Ashfield, NSW

Grade 5/6	3	Ashfield, NSW
Grade 3/4	1	Ashfield, NSW

All staff work across the media, communications, social media, and events teams. These staff support six DCJ Ministers in numerous portfolios. A breakdown by individual ministerial area cannot be provided as the team is not structured in that way.

- b) non-ongoing staff are sometimes used to temporarily fill vacancies in the approved structure, or meet a short term need.
- c) contractors are sometimes used to temporarily fill vacancies in the approved structure, or meet a short-term need.
- d) Two of the roles in table a above are graphic designers
- e) One of the roles in table a above is a media manager
- f) Seven of the roles in table a above are in the events team, who organise and promote events.

68. Do any departments/agencies have independent media studios (a)

If yes, why

- (b) When was it established
- (c) What is the set up cost
- (d) What is the ongoing cost
- (e) How many staff work there and what are their classifications

Answer

I am advised:

Information for all departments and agencies is not held centrally. The Communications Branch in the Corporate Services division of DCJ does not have an independent media studio.

Board Appointments

69. Can the Minister provide an update of portfolio boards, including board title, terms of appointment, tenure of appointment and members she has made since her appointment?

Answer

I am advised:

I have not made any appointments to Boards or Committees since holding this portfolio.

70. What is the gender ratio on each board and across the portfolio?

Answer

I am advised:

I am advised, the male:female:non-binary gender ratio by percentage across the portfolio is approximately 36:63:1. The ratio for each board is:

- Aboriginal Housing Office Board - 62:38:0
- Aboriginal Knowledge Circle - 60:40:0

- Disability Council - 36:64:0
- Housing Appeals Committee - 36:64:0
- Carers Advisory Council - 11:89:0
- Child Death Review Team - 38:62:0
- Serious Young Offenders Review Panel - 33:67:0
- Youth Advisory Council - 42:50:8

71. What has been the total value of all Board Director fees and disbursements paid?

Answer

I am advised:

I am advised that, since my appointment to this portfolio, the total value paid to Board Directors is \$28,129.28.

72. What is the value of all domestic travel by Board Directors?

Answer

I am advised:

I am advised that, since my appointment to this portfolio the total value of domestic travel by Board Directors is \$15.97.

73. What is the value of all international travel by Board Directors?

Answer

I am advised:

I am advised that, since my appointment to this portfolio there has been no international travel by Board Directors.

Commissioned Reports and Reviews

74. Since 1 July 2020, how many Reports or Reviews have been commissioned? Please provide details of each report including:

- (a) Date commissioned.
- (b) Date report handed to Government.
- (c) Date of public release.
- (d) Terms of Reference.
- (e) Committee members and/or Reviewers.

Answer

I am advised:

Information regarding research and development including commissioned evaluation reports can be found in the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ) Annual Report 2020-21 (Volume 1) available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports.html>

75. How much did each report cost/or is estimated to cost?

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Answer

I am advised:

Information regarding research and development including commissioned evaluation reports can be found in the Department of Communities and Justice's (DCJ) Annual Report 2020-21 (Volume 1) available at: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports.html>

76. Can you please provide the background and credentials of the Review personnel?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no central data source for this information.

77. Can you please provide the remuneration arrangements applicable to the Review personnel, including fees, disbursements and travel?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no central data source for this information.

78. Can you please provide the cost of any travel attached to the conduct of the Review?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not centrally held.

79. How many departmental staff were involved in each report and at what level?

Answer

I am advised:

There is no central data source for this information.

80. What is the current status of each report?

Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Parliamentary website publishes all reports tabled by the relevant portfolio Ministers which includes the tabling date.

81. When is the Government intending to respond to each report if it has not already done so?

Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Parliamentary website publishes all reports tabled by the relevant portfolio Ministers which includes the tabling date. NSW Government responses to Committee report recommendations are also published on the NSW Parliament's website.

Social media influencers – DCJ

82. What was the DCJ total expenditure on social media influencers for FY 2020-21 and 2021-22 to date?

Answer

I am advised:

Nil.

83. What advertising or information campaigns did the DCJ use social media influencers to promote?

Answer

I am advised:

Nil.

84. Can a copy of all relevant social media influencer posts please be provided?

Answer

I am advised:

Nil.

85. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all relevant social media influencer contracts please be provided?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about eTenders can be found at <https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/> - . (In accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA), each agency needs to disclose expenditure with suppliers greater than \$150K.)

Promotional merchandise – DCJ

86. What was the DCJ total expenditure on promotional merchandise for FY 2020-21 and FY 2021-22?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not held centrally.

87. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all promotional merchandise contracts in that period please be provided?

Answer

I am advised:

Information about eTenders can be found at <https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/> - . (In accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA), each agency needs to disclose expenditure with suppliers greater than \$150K.)

88. Can photographs or samples of relevant promotional merchandise please be provided?

Answer

I am advised:

Information for all departments and agencies is not held centrally. The Communications Branch in the Corporate Services division of DCJ did not produce any promotional merchandise.

Advertising and information campaigns –DCJ

89. What was the DCJ total expenditure on advertising and information campaigns for FY 2020-21 and for the current financial year to date.

Answer

I am advised:

Information for all departments and agencies is not held centrally. The Communications Branch in the Corporate Services division of DCJ spent the following on advertising and information campaigns relating to the ministerial portfolios of Families and Communities and Disability Services:

\$226,184 in FY21.

\$199,523 in FY22 year to date.

90. What advertising and information campaigns did the DCJ run in each relevant period. For each campaign, please provide:

- (a) When approval was first sought.
- (b) The date of approval, including whether the advertising went through the Independent Campaign Committee process.
- (c) the timeline for each campaign, including any variation to the original proposed timeline.

Answer

I am advised:

In FY 21 the Communications branch ran the following campaigns:

- National Adoption Awareness Month
- International Day of People with Disability
- Caseworker Recruitment
- Homelessness week
- Foster Care Week
- DCJ Scholarships
- It's Caring
- Child Protection Week
- Volunteer Week
- Volunteer Now

The Communications branch has run the following campaigns in 2021-22 year to date:

- National Adoption Awareness Month
- International Day of People with Disability
- Caseworker Recruitment
- Homelessness week
- Foster Care Week

- DCJ Scholarships
- It's Caring
- Carers Week
- Child Protection Week

All campaigns in this portfolio were under \$250,000 and therefore did not require peer review or approval from the Independent Communication Committee.

91. Can an itemised list of all eTenders offer notice ID numbers for all advertising and information campaign contracts in each period be provided

Answer

I am advised:

Information about eTenders can be found at <https://www.tenders.nsw.gov.au/> - . (In accordance with the Government Information Public Access Act (GIPA), each agency needs to disclose expenditure with suppliers greater than \$150K.)

Executive Travel – DCJ

92. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the Chief Executive of DCJ or the Deputy Secretary - Housing, Disability and District Services Deputy Secretary Paul Vevers since 1 July 2020 be provided including:

- Flights for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
- Ground transport for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
- Accommodation for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- Meals and other incidentals for the Secretary or Deputy Secretary as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- Any available photographs documenting the Secretary or Deputy Secretary travel should also be provided.

Answer

I am advised:

Details of Overseas Travel by Departmental Staff will be available in each Department's Annual Report. Ministers and senior public servants undertake travel within Australia to fulfil their portfolio responsibilities.

Ministerial Travel

93. Can an itemised list of the costs of all domestic and international travel undertaken by the

Families and Communities, Disability Services

Minister since 21 December 2021 be provided including:

- (a) Flights for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the airline and class of travel.
- (b) Ground transport for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials.
- (c) Accommodation for the Minister, as well as any accompanying departmental officials, and identify the hotels the party stayed at and the room category in which the party stayed.
- (d) Meals and other incidentals for the Minister as well as any accompanying departmental officials. Any available menus, receipts for meals at restaurants and the like should also be provided.
- (e) Any available photographs documenting the Minister's travel should also be provided.

Answer

I am advised:

Details of Overseas Travel by Departmental Staff will be available in each Department's Annual Report. Ministers and senior public servants undertake travel within Australia to fulfil their portfolio responsibilities.

Executive Office Upgrades - DCJ

94. Have any furniture, fixtures or fittings of the DCJ Secretary's office, or the offices of any Deputy Secretaries been upgraded since 1 July 2020? If so, can an itemised list of costs please be provided (GST inclusive).

Answer

I am advised:

There have been no updates to furniture, fixtures or fittings of the DCJ Secretary's office or offices of any Deputy Secretaries since 1 July 2020.

Ministerial Functions

95. In relation to any functions or official receptions hosted by Ministers or Assistant Ministers in the portfolio since 21 December 2021, can the following be provided:

- (a) List of functions.
- (b) List of all attendees.
- (c) Function venue.
- (d) Itemised list of costs (GST inclusive).
- (e) Details of any food served.
- (f) Details of any wines or champagnes served including brand and vintage.
- (g) Any available photographs of the function.
- (h) Details of any entertainment provided.

Answer

I am advised:

No functions or official receptions have been held since 21 December 2021.

2022 NSW Floods

96. How many social housing tenants have been have unable to return to their proprieties after the 2022 floods?

Answer

I am advised:

There are 12 social housing properties in Northern NSW where tenants have had to move out due to flooding damage. These properties will be assessed to determine if the tenants are able to safely to return their properties.

97. How many requests for Temporary Accommodation have been made relating to the 2022 floods?

(a) How many have been granted?

(b) What was the average length of stay?

Answer

I am advised:

DCJ does not hold data on the number of disaster affected people (DAP) that have requested accommodation.

a) As of Sunday 13 March 2022, DCJ has provide 2,284 DAP with accommodation.

b) DCJ is unable to provide this data as the impacts of the NSW Coastal floods are current and ongoing.

98. How many people are now expected to be homeless from these floods?

Answer

I am advised that collection of impact data from the February/March 2022 floods is underway. Since the start of the flood event to 14 March 2022, 17,561 building impact assessments have been completed. These assessments indicate that 9,533 buildings have been damaged by the current floods, and 3,711 have been rendered uninhabitable.

As at 14 March 2022, 2,284 people have been provided with emergency accommodation in relation to the current floods.

Office of the Children's Guardian

99. Has the Office of the Children's Guardian received a Parameter Technical Adjustment since 2019, or a budget increase, specifically related to additional roles and responsibilities in between budget cycles?

Answer

I am advised:

As part of the transfer of the Reportable Conduct Scheme from the NSW Ombudsman to the Office of the Children's Guardian there was a budget transfer between the two agencies.

In relation to Parameter Technical Adjustments (PTAs) that specifically relate to additional roles and responsibilities, I refer to the answer provided by the Children's Guardian at the Committee on Children

and Young People's Inquiry titled - *2021 Review of the annual reports and other matters of the Office of the Advocate for Children and Young People and the Office of the Children's Guardian*. Refer to the answer to question one at <https://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/ladocs/other/15576/Response%20to%20questions%20on%20notice%20-%20Office%20of%20the%20Children%27s%20Guardian%20-%20April%202021.pdf>

100. If so, please provide the details of the additional resources.

Answer

I am advised:

Please see response to supplementary question 99.

101. How many full-time-equivalent staff were employed by the Office of the Children's Guardian in:

- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Information about the Office of the Children's Guardian staffing is available in the Office's Annual Reports.

102. When will the proposed Children's Guardian Regulation (Register of Workers) come into effect?

Answer

I am advised:

The Office of the Children's Guardian is working to commence the Residential Care Workers Register this year.

Child Protection

103. Please provide the number of full-time-equivalent staff employed by the Department in each district in:

- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of full-time-equivalent staff employed by the Department for 2019-20 and 2020-21 is available in the DCJ Annual reports for 2019-20 and 2020-21: <https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/resources/annual-reports.html>

104. Please provide the number of unique young people who entered out-of-home care in each district in each of the following years, including the number of Indigenous young people:

- (a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of children and young people who entered OOHC by Aboriginality and DCJ district for 2019-20 is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data on the number of children and young people who entered OOHC by Aboriginality for 2020-21 are available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21:

[https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/ASR2020-](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/ASR2020-21summarydashboard_16481674309410/Coverpage)

[21summarydashboard_16481674309410/Coverpage](https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/ASR2020-21summarydashboard_16481674309410/Coverpage). Detailed data on the number of children and young people who entered OOHC by Aboriginality and DCJ district for 2020-21 will be available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21 in April 2022.

105. How many full-time-equivalent staff are employed by the Department in child protection-related roles?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of caseworkers and casework specialists are publicly available on the Caseworker dashboard: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/resources/statistics/caseworker-statistics/dashboard>

Data on child-protection roles related to management, policy, and administrative support services are not able to be easily delineated.

106. How many Department caseworkers and management staff submitted workers compensation claims in:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

107. How many Department caseworkers and management staff took a period of stress-related leave in:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

The PSC Workforce Profile report has a breakdown of various types of paid leave taken at the whole of NSW level (i.e. sick leave, recreational leave, carers leave and special leave) for 2021 and prior calendar years. However, this is not broken down by stress-related leave (which can be a subcategory of sick leave), therefore this data cannot be accurately calculated: <https://www.psc.nsw.gov.au/reports-and-data/workforce-profile/workforce-profile-reports>.

108. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took less than six months leave:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 107.

109. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than six months but less than 12 months leave:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 107.

110. Of the Department staff who took a period of stress-related leave in each of the following years, how many took more than 12 months leave:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 107.

111. Currently, how many unique caseworkers employed by the Department have:

(a) Less than one year experience

- (b) Between one and two years' experience
- (c) Between two and three years' experience
- (d) Between three and four years' experience
- (e) Between four and five years' experience
- (f) More than five years' experience

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

112. How many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 12 months of commencing?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

113. How many Department staff in child protection-related roles left their employment within 24 months of commencing?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 112.

Indigenous Child Protection

114. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out-of-home care budget is directed to prevention and early intervention (including family support and restoration services) for Aboriginal children and families compared to statutory out of home care services?

- (a) How much of these allocated funds goes to Aboriginal organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

- In 2021/22, the Out-of-Home-Care (OOHC) and Permanency Support budget was \$1.4b (this includes \$23.9m for preservation packages, in which \$13m is allocated to Aboriginal organisations).
- In 2021/22, \$756.5m for child protection services including \$129m for family preservation programs. As of March 2022, \$11m of this has been invested in Aboriginal organisations, noting this will increase when the final payments are made in April 2022.

115. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out of home care budget was allocated to the *Families and Communities, Disability Services*

provision of Aboriginal community-controlled child and family supports?

Answer

I am advised:

In 2021-22, it is estimated that funding to Aboriginal community controlled organisations will be more than 11 per cent of the total paid to service providers in child protection and out-of-home care areas. Over the last 6 years the number of DCJ funded Aboriginal community controlled organisations has increased by 23% and the proportion of total funding has increased by approximately 8%.

116. What proportion of targeted early intervention service funding is provided to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?

- (a) Why is this not equal to the proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care as recommended in the Family is Culture Review?

Answer

I am advised:

I refer to my answer provided for supplementary question 166.

117. How much money has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the 125 recommendations of the landmark 2019 Family Is Culture Review recommendations report aimed at reducing the disproportionate and increasing number of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW?

- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

Implementation of recommendations in the Family is Culture Review is being managed through existing Departmental resources.

118. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the Aboriginal Case Management Policy (ACMP), Rules and Practice Guidance, including to the establishment of Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanisms, Community Facilitators and Aboriginal Family Led Decision-Making?

- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

Please refer to the response to supplementary question 54 from the Budget Estimates hearing held in October 2021.

\$1.2 million over three years has been allocated to AbSec to support implementation of the

Aboriginal Case Management Policy (\$600,000 in 2019-20, \$300,000 in 2020-21 and \$300,000 in 2021-22).

(a) Internal resources from within existing allocations have also been prioritised to support implementation.

119. How much money has the NSW Government directed to research, in particular, Aboriginal-initiated and led research, to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care?

Answer

I am advised:

In 2020, the Pathways of Care Longitudinal Study (POCLS) commissioned 10 projects to examine DCJ priority policy questions and provided a grant of \$30,000 to Dr BJ Newtown, an Aboriginal researcher to examine restoration of Aboriginal children from OOHC.

DCJ is currently providing in kind support (access to data, clients and/or staff) for two projects that meet the definition of Aboriginal-initiated and led research related to child protection and out-of-home care.

- Dr BJ Newtown (UNSW) Bring the Home Keep the Home: Charting the experiences, successful pathways and outcomes of Aboriginal families whose children have been restored from out-of-home care.
- Debbie Haynes (University of Newcastle) The efficacy of trauma-based therapies for Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care.

Further, Ngaramanala (Aboriginal Knowledge Program) has incorporated the principles of Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance into the DCJ Research Strategy and FACSIAR external research program, the NSW Data Strategy, the Pathways of Care Longitudinal Study (POCLS), the Evidence Bank Implementation Program and the upcoming release of the Aboriginal Impact Statement. The incorporation of IDS and IDG across these specific areas will ensure that Aboriginal initiated and led research is prioritised and considered as part of:

- internal and external research projects
- in project scoping in regards to practice, policy and program design, and
- the phases of designing new evidence bases and outcome frameworks

120. What proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care are in the care of Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?

- (a) What funding or initiatives are there to support the transition of Aboriginal children to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
- (b) Will the NSW Government meet its commitment to transition all Aboriginal children in out-of-home care to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations by 2022?

Answer

I am advised:

The proportion of Aboriginal children with Aboriginal community-controlled organisations is not publically available.

- a) The Permanency Support Program and the Aboriginal Case Management Policy enable case management transfer to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations. These initiatives align with established Department of Communities and Justice priorities that commit to transitioning

Aboriginal children in OOHC to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

- b) The NSW Government is continuing to work towards transitioning Aboriginal children in out-of-home care to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations.

121. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were moved onto guardianship orders in the past financial year?

- (a) How many Aboriginal children and young people are on guardianship orders in total?
- (b) How many Aboriginal children and young people who were moved onto guardianship orders have since returned into out of home care?
- (c) With the rollout of the Aboriginal Guardianship Support Model, co-designed by AbSec and local communities, beginning in the trial sites of South West Sydney and the Hunter, when is this support planned to be rolled out state-wide?
- (d) What is being done in the period until then to support Aboriginal children and families moved onto guardianship orders seeing as there has been such a marked increase (172 Aboriginal children moved onto guardianship in 2019/20 a 35.4% increase from 2018/19)?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of Aboriginal children and young people who exited OOHC to Guardianship for 2019-20 (as well as who were on Guardianship orders as at 30 June 2020) is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

Data on the number of Aboriginal children and young people who exited OOHC to Guardianship for 2020-21 (as well as who were on Guardianship orders as at 30 June 2021) will be available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21 in April 2022.

122. How many children between the age of 10-13 are in juvenile detention?

- (a) How many of these children are Aboriginal and what percentage do they make up?
- (b) Has any funding been allocated to activities related to raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14?
- (c) Without raising the age of criminal responsibility to 14, how would NSW meet Closing the Gap target 11, reducing the rate of Aboriginal children in detention by 30%?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

- (a) This information is not publically available.
- (b) The minimum age of criminal responsibility is being considered at a national level through the Meeting of Attorneys General
- (c) NSW is currently at the Closing the Gap target level for rates of Aboriginal children in detention.

123. What proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care had a documented cultural care plan in the past financial year?

- (a) How many of these were done by the Department of Communities and Justice, non-Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care who had a documented cultural care plan in 2020-21 will be published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles Indicators Report in October 2022.

Data for 2019-20 is available in the 2019-20 ATSICPP report:

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/child-protection/atsicpp-indicators/data>

(a) Data on cultural care plans broken down by the DCJ, non- Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations is not publicly available.

124. What are the reporting mechanisms for non-Aboriginal organisations that receive allocated Aboriginal funding?

- (a) Are there plans to make information on this available to increase the accountability of organisations that are receiving funding?
- (b) With significant funding going to non-Aboriginal organisations for Aboriginal initiatives and little transparency, does this not go against Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 (building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector)?

Answer

I am advised:

Every provider who receives Permanency Support Program (PSP) funding must provide DCJ with a minimum data set against key performance indicators. A robust commissioning, monitoring and contracting process is used to determine if performance requirements are being met and service delivery arrangements are best meeting local needs.

- (a) PSP funded agencies are accountable through regular reporting on activities and outcomes, which underpins contracting processes.
- (b) DCJ regularly reviews commissioning processes, sector capacity building needs and contracting arrangements against local community needs to ensure each child and family's immediate service needs are met. DCJ is committed to Closing the Gap priorities and increasing the number of

Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations providing child and family services. PSP has commenced a process to establish ACCO's in Far West and Western NSW.

125. How much funding has the Department of Communities and Justice set aside to increase the cultural capability of its staff?

- (a) How will this be achieved?
- (b) Through what programs/training?

Answer

I am advised:

a) \$1M will be invested in FY22 and FY23 in the Connecting with Communities program. This does not include investment in Divisional programs.

b) Connecting with Communities (2 days of training and 1 day in community) has been delivered across Communities and Housing, primarily for employees working in child protection roles.

The program was initially placed on hold during COVID lockdowns and, more recently, the first 2 days have been presented virtually. The in-community day is currently being scheduled.

Program Overview:

The program provides insights into:

- The Aboriginal cultures of NSW, founded on spiritual systems of knowledge;
- The interconnection between culture, family, community and identity;
- The continuing impacts of colonisation and legacy policy;
- Building and strengthening relationships with Aboriginal people and communities.

A broader Cultural Development and Learning Strategy will be co-designed during 2022.

126. Will the NSW Government uphold its commitment to Closing the Gap by making funding available in the next budget, in line with the proposals developed by NSW Coalition of Aboriginal Peak Organisations in partnership with NSW Government agencies?

Answer

I am advised:

Possible announcements in future budget processes is not available.

127. What steps has the NSW Government taken to implement significant structural change to the NSW child protection system through self-determination and greater public accountability and oversight as recommended by the 2019 Family Is Culture Review?

Answer

I am advised:

The NSW Government has committed to consulting with key stakeholders on legislative recommendations in the Family is Culture Review Report, including recommendations about self-determination, accountability and oversight.

Youth Justice

128. How many Youth Officers have returned positive COVID results from December 15th 2021, when restrictions were eased?

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Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

129. How many young persons have returned positive COVID results from December 15th 2021, when restrictions were eased?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

130. How many vacancies are there currently within Youth Justice?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

131. How many vacancies are there currently in Youth Justice Community offices?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publicly available.

132. What is the plan to address mass staff shortages within Youth Justice, which threaten the supervision and safety of young persons?

Answer

I am advised:

Youth Justice NSW has adequate staffing levels to maintain safety and supervision of young people in custody.

133. What is the government's plan to address understaffing and workload pressures in Community Offices, and to maintain capacity to provide community based intervention for young people who are at risk of reoffending?

Answer

I am advised:

Youth Justice NSW has adequate staffing levels to provide community-based interventions for young people who are at risk of re-offending.

Guardianship Orders

134. How many children were under guardianship orders in:

- (a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

- a) There were 3,267 children under a guardianship order as at 30 June 2020.
- b) There were 3,415 children under a guardianship order as at 30 June 2021.
- c) Data for 2021-22 is not available as the financial year is not complete.

135. Please provide a list of NSW Government financial support or assistance streams available to children and carers under guardianship orders.

Answer

I am advised:

All guardians of children under guardianship in NSW receive a guardianship allowance. All children with a guardianship order made post 29 October 2014 have a Guardianship Financial Plan agreed that provides support across five key areas; Cultural and Lifestory Work (including family time), childcare, education, specialist medical, dental, optical; and professional therapies. The contingencies specified in the child's financial plan are paid when needed, throughout the life of the guardianship order.

136. For each of the financial support or assistance streams listed above, please provide the total amount of funding provided in each of the following years, and the total number of recipients:

(a) 2019/20

(b) 2020/21

(c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

Expenditure on Guardianship allowances is not publically available. The number of children for whom their carers received financial support is provided below

- a) 2019-20:
3,163 children
- b) 2020-21:
3,406 children
- c) 2021/22:
not available

137. How many children under guardianship orders receive no financial support from Communities and Justice, with specific respect to their guardianship arrangements?

Answer

I am advised:

Children under guardianship orders do not receive financial support, guardians receive financial support. The Department of Communities and Justice does not hold information on guardians who have chosen not to receive financial support.

Extended Care for Children in Out-Of-Home-Care

138. In 2021/22, how many young people are receiving financial aftercare assistance between the ages of 18 and 25?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not available.

Disability Services**NSW Service Provision**

139. Does the NSW Government currently operate or deliver any disability services in NSW?

(a) If so, please provide details.

Answer

I am advised:

- The NSW Government no longer directly funds or delivers specialist disability services.
- All funding for specialist disability services now forms part of the \$3.6 billion annually contributed by the NSW Government to the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).
- NSW retains responsibility for policy and regulatory functions to ensure that all people with disability in NSW have the ability to participate in the life of the community.

NSW Taxi Reforms

140. What incentives will the NSW Government offer Wheelchair Accessible Taxi owners following the implementation of the taxi industry reform package?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport, as the Minister responsible for the point-to-point transport industry.

141. Will the Government guarantee no loss of Wheelchair Accessible Taxis in regional areas as a result of the government's taxi industry reform package?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Transport, as the Minister responsible for the point-to-point transport industry.

Adult Change Tables

142. How many additional adult change tables has the NSW Government funded in:

- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

- (a) 2019/20 - 4
- (b) 2020/21- Nil
- (c) 2021/22 - Nil

143. What is the average amount of NSW Government funding for each adult change table project?

Answer

I am advised:

\$35,000

144. What is the average cost of building an adult change table, based on projects fully/partially funded by the NSW Government?

Answer

I am advised:

\$50,000

Disability Advocacy Funding

145. Please provide a list of organisations that lost their entire disability advocacy funding in:

- (a) 2019/20
- (b) 2020/21
- (c) 2021/22

Answer

I am advised:

- (a) Nil
- (b) Nil
- (c) Nil

Social Housing

146. As of 2 March 2022, how many general and priority applicants are on the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East waiting list?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on general and priority applicants on the NSW social housing waiting list broken down by allocation zone is reported annually. The most recent published data is at 30 June 2021 and is publicly available in the Expected Waiting Times dashboard: <https://www.facs.nsw.gov.au/housing/help/applying-assistance/expected-waiting-times>

Data for 30 June 2022 will be available in November 2022.

147. As of 2 March 2022, how many general and priority applicants are on the NN20 Wyong waiting list?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 147.

148. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the Swansea electorate during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

149. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

150. How much did the Government spend on property maintenance for social housing properties located in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:

Families and Communities, Disability Services

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be referred to the Minister for Planning and Homes, as the minister responsible for the NSW Land and Housing Corporation and maintenance of social housing properties.

151. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the Swansea electorate during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

152. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

153. How many Government social housing properties were sold in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

154. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the Swansea electorate during the:

Families and Communities, Disability Services

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

155. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

156. How many Government social housing properties have been built in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone during the:

- (a) 2019/2020 financial year?
- (b) 2020/2021 financial year?
- (c) 2021/2022 financial year?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

157. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the Swansea electorate?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of social housing properties broken down by electorate is not available. Data is available by DCJ district as at 30 June 2021 in the Social Housing Residential Dwellings Dashboard: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/facs.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings/Dashboard

Data as at 30 June 2022 will be available in November 2022.

158. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of social housing properties broken down by allocation zone is not available. Data is available by DCJ district as at 30 June 2021 in the Social Housing Residential Dwellings Dashboard: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/facs.statistics/viz/Social_Housing_Residential_Dwellings/Dashboard

Data as at 30 June 2022 will be available in November 2022.

159. As of 2 March 2022, how many Government social housing properties are located in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see the response to supplementary question 159.

160. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the Swansea electorate over the next 5 years?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

161. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the NN02 Lake Macquarie/East allocation zone over the next 5 years?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

162. How many social housing properties does the Government plan to build in the NN20 Wyong allocation zone over the next 5 years?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Planning, and Minister for Homes.

Young people in detention

163. What is the number of young people in custody broken down by:

(a) Total

(b) Age of young person

Answer

I am advised:

This information can be found at https://www.youthjustice.dcj.nsw.gov.au/Pages/youth-justice/about/statistics_custody.aspx.

Data extracted from DCJ/YJ BA. Effective date 3 July 2021.

164. What is the number of aboriginal young people in custody broken down by:

(a) Total

(b) Age of young person

Answer

I am advised:

This information can be found at https://www.youthjustice.dcj.nsw.gov.au/Pages/youth-justice/about/statistics_custody.aspx website.

Data extracted from DCJ/YJ BA. Effective date 3 July 2021.

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES

Questions from Mr David Shoebridge MLC

Family is Culture

165. What proportion of the NSW child protection and out-of-home care budget is directed to prevention and early intervention (including family support and restoration services) for Aboriginal children and families compared to statutory out of home care services?

- (a) What proportion of targeted early intervention service funding is provided to Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
- (b) Why is this not equal to the proportion of Aboriginal children in out-of-home care as recommended in the Family is Culture Review?

Answer

I am advised:

The requested data is not publically available.

DCJ has recently announced a proposal to shift additional investment in family preservation services to Aboriginal service delivery.

The Indigenous Expenditure Review details a breakdown of the Department of Communities and Justice's budget.

- a) Indigenous Expenditure Review Interim Report provides information on government budget by program
- b) The Department of Communities and Justice is building the evidence base for improving the effectiveness of prevention and early intervention investment for Aboriginal families, including trialling and developing models that divert Aboriginal children and families from the child protection system.

Answer

I am advised:

Please see response to supplementary question 120

166. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the 126 recommendations of the landmark 2019 Family Is Culture Review recommendations report aimed at reducing the disproportionate and increasing number of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care in NSW?

- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

Please see response to supplementary question 117.

167. How much funding has the NSW Government allocated to the implementation of the Aboriginal Case Management Policy (ACMP), Rules and Practice Guidance, including to the establishment of Aboriginal Community Controlled Mechanisms, Community Facilitators and Aboriginal Family Led Decision-Making?

- (a) How much of this has been allocated internally at the Department of Communities and Justice and how much externally to Aboriginal organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

Please refer to response to supplementary question 118.

168. How much funding has the NSW Government directed to research, in particular, Aboriginal-initiated and led research, to reduce the over-representation of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care?

Answer

I am advised:

\$1.2 million over three years has been allocated to AbSec to support implementation of the Aboriginal Case Management Policy (\$600,000 in 2019-20 and \$300,000 in 2020-21 and \$300,000 in 2021-22).

169. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were adopted in the past financial year?

- (a) How many of those were adopted by non-Aboriginal carers?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available, particularly as there may be a risk of identifying children.

The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) publishes annual data on annual data on Adoptions in Australia each December. The AIHW data can be accessed at <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/adoptions/adoptions-australia-2020-21/summary>.

170. How many Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care were moved onto guardianship orders in the past financial year?

- (a) How many Aboriginal children and young people are on guardianship orders in total?

- (b) How many Aboriginal children and young people who were moved onto guardianship orders have since returned into out of home care?
- (c) With the rollout of the Aboriginal Guardianship Support Model, co-designed by AbSec and local communities, beginning in the trial sites of South West Sydney and the Hunter, when is this support planned to be rolled out state-wide?
- (d) What is being done in the period until then to support Aboriginal children and families moved onto guardianship orders given there has been such a marked increase

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of Aboriginal children and young people who exited OOHC to Guardianship for 2019-20 (as well as who were in Guardianship orders as at 30 June 2020) is available in the Annual Statistical Report 2019-20:

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/dcj.statistics/viz/Annual_Statistical_Report_2019-20_measure_list/Coverpage

a) Data on the number of Aboriginal children and young people who exited OOHC to Guardianship for 2020-21 (as well as who were on Guardianship orders as at 30 June 2021) will be available in the Annual Statistical Report 2020-21 in April 2022.

b) Data for NSW is not publically available for children who returned to OOHC following an exit to Guardianship. However, the Report on Government Services 2022 by the Productivity Commission reports on children who exited OOHC to a permanency outcome (restoration, Guardianship, adoption), in 2019-20 and whether they returned to OOHC in the following 12 months (2020-21). Of the children who exited to permanency outcomes in 2019-20, 94.4% did not return to OOHC within 12 months.

c) The Aboriginal Guardianship Support Model is a pilot due to conclude in December 2023. Any decisions on extending the trial to further districts will be informed by an evaluation of the pilot.

d) Please refer to response to supplementary question 135.

All guardians of children under guardianship in NSW are eligible to receive a guardianship allowance.

All children with a guardianship order made post 29 October 2014 have a Guardianship Financial Plan agreed that provides support across five key areas; Cultural and Lifestory Work (including family time), childcare, education, specialist medical, dental, optical; and professional therapies.

Specified items that are included in the child's financial plan are paid when needed, throughout the life of the guardianship order.

171. What proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care had a documented cultural care plan in the past financial year?

- (a) How many of these were done by the Department of Communities and Justice, non-Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations?
- (b) What are the reporting mechanisms for non-Aboriginal organisations that receive allocated

Aboriginal funding?

- (c) Are there plans to make information on this available to increase the accountability of organisations that are receiving funding?
- (d) With significant funding going to non-Aboriginal organisations for Aboriginal initiatives and little transparency, does this not go against Closing the Gap Priority Reform 2 (building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector)?
- (e) How much funding has the Department of Communities and Justice set aside to increase the cultural capability of its staff?
- (f) How will this be achieved? Through what programs/training?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the proportion of Aboriginal children and young people in out-of-home care who had a documented cultural care plan in 2020-21 will be published by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principles Indicators Report in October 2022.

Data for 2019-20 is available in the 2019-20 ATSICPP report: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/child-protection/atsicpp-indicators/data>

- a) Data on cultural care plans broken down by the Department of Communities and Justice, non-Aboriginal NGOs and Aboriginal community-controlled organisations is not publicly available.
- b) PSP agencies are required to report annually to DCJ on cultural plans and activities. Annual reporting performance is considered as a part of broader commissioning reviews alongside ensuring immediate local service delivery needs are met.
- c) PSP funded agencies are made accountable through regular reporting and monitoring strategies.
- d) DCJ regularly reviews commissioning processes, sector capacity building needs and contracting arrangements against local community needs to ensure each child and family's immediate service needs are met.
- e) and f) Refer to my response provided at supplementary question 125.

Alternative care

172. How many children are currently in alternative care arrangements?

- (a) of these, how many are First Nations?

Answer

I am advised:

As at 31 December 2021, 70 children were in ACAs. Of these, 41 were Aboriginal children.

173. In the last 12 months what has been the longest period that a child has spent in alternative care

arrangements?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

174. What is the rate at which children in ACA attend school?

Answer

I am advised:

This information is not publically available.

Aging out of care:

175. How many children in out-of-home care were able to remain in their out-of-home care after turning 18; how many carers received financial support to allow them to do so?

Answer

I am advised:

All young people are able to remain in their carer's home after leaving care if they and the carer agree. While data is not captured on how many choose to do so or how long they stay, a Communities and Justice carer survey in 2016 found that 82 per cent of carers surveyed reported they were willing for the young person to live with them after they attain the age of 18 and leave the formal care system. Of those carers, 90 per cent of foster carers and 84 per cent of relative / kinship carers were willing for the young person to remain as long as he / she wanted.

176. In the last financial year how many children leaving out-of-home care at age 18 were instead referred to homelessness support services within 12 months of leaving care?

Answer

I am advised:

The requested data is not available however, at a minimum, leaving care planning for a young person includes:

- facilitating options for the young person to remain with their carers or live with siblings or family/kin when this is a positive option for them
- providing assistance to find and secure safe, stable, affordable and appropriate accommodation before their care order ends
- ensuring their plan includes provision for establishment costs to set up a new home.
- If circumstances change after a young person leaves care their aftercare plan can be updated with new assistance, including help with accommodation.

In 2020-21, of the 70,588 clients assisted by specialist homelessness services across Australia, 244 clients identified their reason for seeking assistance as 'Transition from foster care and child safety residential placements'. Source: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) specialist homelessness services annual report 2020-21.

Guardianship orders

177. Of the case reviews that were undertaken of kids in out-of-home care in the past year, how many considered the potential for successful restoration?

- (a) Can you provide the relative data comparing Aboriginal kids in care as against non-Aboriginal kids in care and the proportion that get restored?

Answer

I am advised:

Restoration is the case plan goal for all children who enter OOHC in line with the Permanent Placement Principles outlined in Section 10A of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*. Every child or young person in OOHC has their OOHC case plan reviewed at least annually, which includes a review of their permanency goal. Each child in OOHC through this process is given consideration as to whether restoration would better provide for the child's safety, welfare or wellbeing. This is in line with the Child Safe Standards for Permanent Care set by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian in line with Section 150 of the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*.

(a) As at 30 June 2021 of the 15,895 children in OOHC, 6,829 (43%) were Aboriginal. As at 30 June 2021, 488 children were restored (of which 181 were Aboriginal).

The AIHW Child Protection Australia 2020-21 report (to be released in May 2022), will report on children in out-of-home care in 2020-21 by Indigenous status, state or territory and reunification status. The proportion of Indigenous children who were restored in NSW was 8.3%, compared to non-Indigenous children (9.2%).

178. how many—and if you can, what proportion—of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in out-of-home care are placed in relative or kinship care?

- (a) Of those children, how many and what proportion are placed in relative or kinship care with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members of their family?
- (b) How many and what proportion are placed with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander foster carers?
- (c) How many and what proportion are managed by an Aboriginal community controlled organisation?

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in OOHC placed in relative or kinship care at 30 June 2021 can be found in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>

The number and proportion of Aboriginal children with Aboriginal community controlled organisations is not publically available.

Family Support Services spending

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NSW government expenditure on Intensive Family Support Services decreased from \$189,768,000 in 2019-2020 to \$129,362,000 in 2020-21, equating to a \$34.12 or 32 percent decrease in spending per child aged 0-17 years (*See: ROGS 2022, Part F, Section 16, Child Protection Data Tables, Table 16A.8.*) Conversely, expenditure on Family Support Services almost doubled from \$138,917,000 in 2019-2020 to \$255,534,000 in 2020-21.

179. What was the rationale for reducing expenditure on Intensive Family Support Services?

Answer

I am advised:

A change of the contracting approach has grouped the expenditure together as family support services, in total more was spent in 2021 than in previous years.

180. Has the additional funding for Family Support Services (supporting families once they are already in contact with the child protection system) come at the expense of intensive family support services (supporting families before they are in contact with the child protection system)?

Answer

I am advised:

Family Support Services primarily support families before they have contact with the child protection system, and are delivered through DCJ's Targeted Earlier Intervention program. The additional funding is a result of re-alignment of existing funding within the Targeted Earlier Intervention program to provide increased early intervention support to vulnerable families. The additional funding for Family Support Services has not come at the expense of Intensive Family Support Services, which are delivered through other DCJ programs.

Referrals

Children in Statutory Care for a period of 2 years or more, who are aged 15 years or older or will leave care in less than 3 years, must be referred to DCJ Legal Services for a legal audit of their file to determine any legal matters that may affect them when they leave care.

181. How many children within this category were identified as having a potential claim against the State of New South Wales, care of DCJ, for abuse whilst subject to Parental Responsibility of the Minister (Potential Claim) in the financial year ending 30 June 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

Data related to children and young persons' files is not publically available.

182. It was further estimated that approximately 850 children left care of DCJ by way of turning 18 last year. Of the 850, how many of those children had a Potential Claim?

Answer

I am advised:

Families and Communities, Disability Services

The referral process is initiated by caseworker referral to Legal. It is not an automated process. Undertaking of an audit is dependent on whether a referral is made by the caseworker. Data in relation to children and young persons' files is not publically available.

183. How many of these children were referred for legal advice and/or representation with respect to a potential claim against the State of New South Wales, care of DCJ, for abuse whilst subject to Parental Responsibility of the Minister in the financial year ending 30 June 2021?

Answer

I am advised:

Data in relation to children and young persons' files is not publically available

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, DISABILITY SERVICES

Questions from Ms Abigail Boyd MLC

Aboriginal controlled organisations

184. What percentage of social sector funding for Aboriginal clients goes to Aboriginal controlled organisations?

Answer

I am advised:

In 2021-22, it is estimated that funding to Aboriginal community controlled organisations will be more than 11 per cent of the total paid to service providers in child protection and out-of-home care areas. Over the last 6 years the number of DCJ funded Aboriginal community controlled organisations has increased by 23% and the proportion of total funding has increased by approximately 8%.

Housing

185. How many people are currently housed in NSW public and community housing and indigenous housing?

- (a) What are their age and gender profiles? (number and proportion over 55-65 years, 65-75 years, 75 years and over)

Answer

I am advised:

Data on the number of households (tenancies) in social housing as at 30 June 2021 is available in the Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022. This data is broken down by households in Public Housing, State Owned and Managed Indigenous Housing (SOMIH - equating to AHO managed properties in NSW) and Community Housing: <https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services>

Data on the number of households (tenancies) in social housing broken down by age of household head is not publicly available.

Return to work grants

186. Currently return to work grants are limited to Specialist Homelessness Services (SHS) only. Will eligibility for the grants be extended to all specialist domestic and family violence services?

- (a) Will the timeframe for application be extended beyond two weeks to ensure there is time to apply?

Answer

I am advised:

This question should be directed to the Minister for Women, as the minister responsible for the return to work grants.



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Band 3

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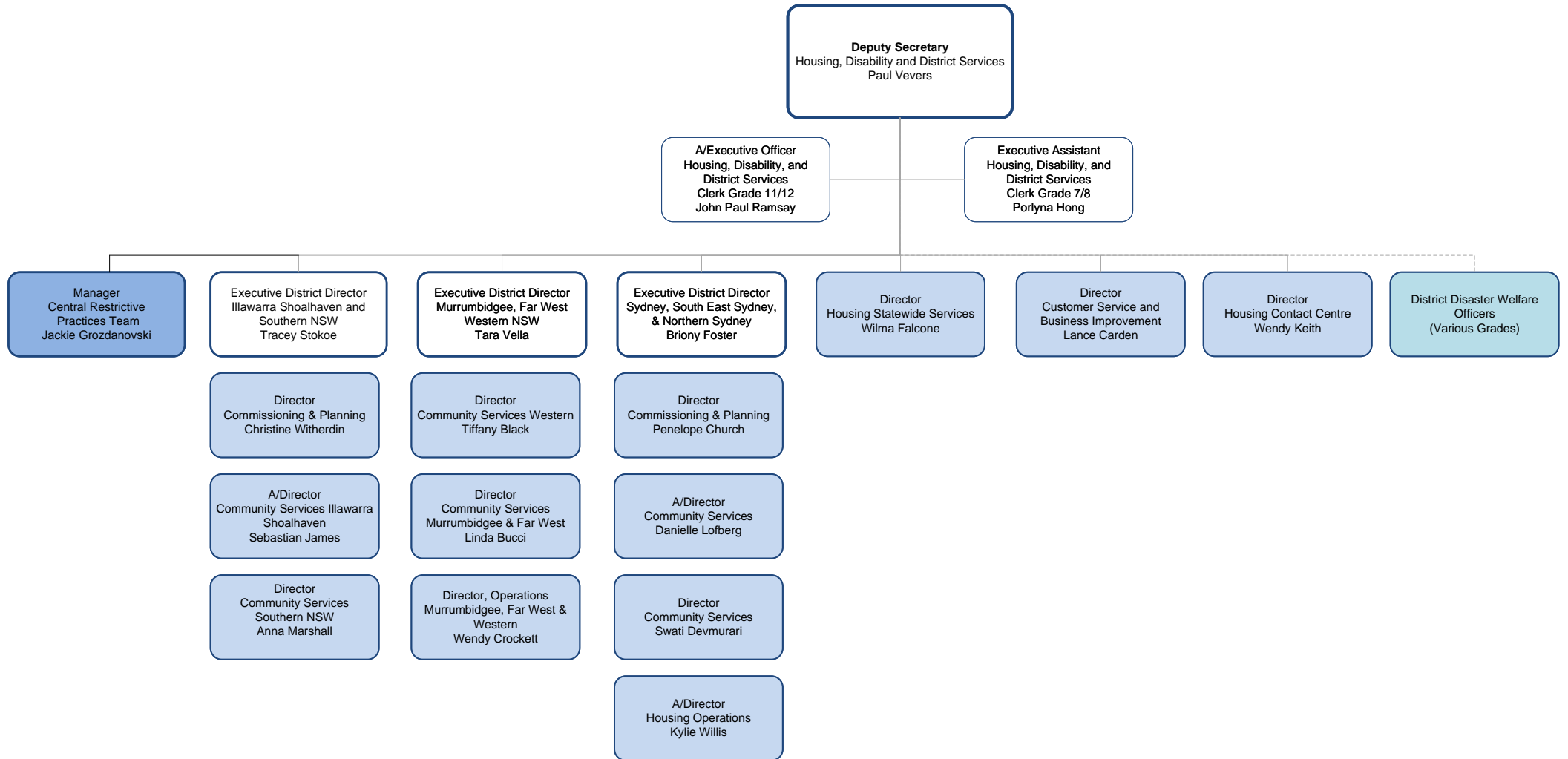
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Housing, Disability and District Services (Southern)

Organisation Structure – Executive Level



Band 3

Band 2

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Temporary Role

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Band 1
Temporary Role

Manager
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