LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Child Protection Case Loads

1. How many child protection case managers are there currently in the Northern Territory? Please provide a breakdown by region.

   ANSWER:

   As at 30 June 2022, there are 172 individuals recorded as Case Managers in the Community Care Information System.

Alice Springs	Barkly	East Arnhem	Greater Darwin	Katherine	Top End
36	13	15	67	24	17

2. How many child protection case manager positions are currently vacant? How long have they been vacant? Please provide a breakdown by region.

   ANSWER:

   There are 43 case manager^ positions currently vacant. Length of vacancy and regional breakdowns cannot be obtained from the available data.

   ^ Based on positions that are Professional 1 and Professional 2 with "Child Protection Practitioner" or "Senior Child Protection Practitioner" in the title of the job description.

3. What is the current average caseload of child protection case managers in the Northern Territory?

   ANSWER:

   As at 30 June 2022, the average caseload is 20 (19.81).

4. What is the highest caseload a case manager had in the 2021/22 financial year?

   ANSWER:

   As at 30 June 2022, the highest caseload for a case manager was 75.

5. How many case managers have commenced in the 2021/22 financial year?

   ANSWER:

   During 2021-22, 36 case managers^ commenced.

   ^ Based on positions that are Professional 1 and Professional 2 with "Child Protection Practitioner" or "Senior Child Protection Practitioner" in the title of the job description.

6. How many case managers left their position in the past year, through retirement, resignation, termination or transfer to another role?

   ANSWER:

   During 2021-22, 40 case managers^ left their position.

   ^ Based on positions that are Professional 1 and Professional 2 with "Child Protection Practitioner" or "Senior Child Protection Practitioner" in the title of the job description.