LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Children in Care

1. How many children are currently in care? Please provide a breakdown by care type (kinship, foster, out of home, etc.) and age group.

As at 30 June 2022 there were 901 children in out of home care in the following placement types:

| Placement Category | Children in OOHC 30 June 2022 |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Foster Care | 243 |
| Kinship Care | 195 |
| Purchased Home Based Care | 361 |
| Residential Care | 69 |
| Other | 33 |

2. How many children were placed in care in the 2021/22 financial year? Please provide a breakdown by care type (kinship, foster, out of home, etc.)

In the 2021/22 financial year, 174 children entered out of home care, and were placed in the following placement types at the time:

| First Placement Category | Number of children |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Foster Care | 36 |
| Kinship Care | 16 |
| Other Care Types | 16 |
| Purchased Home Based Care | 81 |
| Residential Care | 25 |
| | 174 |

3. How many children left care in the 2021/22 financial year? Please provide a breakdown by care type (kinship, foster, out of home, etc.)

In the 2021/22 financial year, 244 children left out of home care and were placed in the following placement types at the time:

| Last Placement Category | Number of children |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Foster Care | 45 |
| Kinship Care | 77 |
| Living Independently | 2 |
| Other Care Types | 21 |
| Purchased Home Based Care | 80 |
| Residential Care | 19 |
| | 244 |