

## **ESTIMATES COMMITTEE**

### **Question Taken on Notice**

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#### **QUESTION**

During the reporting period, what percentage of investigations were priority 1, 2, 3 and 4? Priority 1 investigations, which relate to harm, are meant to commence within 24 hours. What percentage met that timeframe?

#### **ANSWER**

Priority one where the requirement was within 24 hours, a total of 335 were completed. There were 337 unique children—and this is out of the total of 3,361. Within three days, for priority two, there was 962 completed; that related to 905 unique children. Within five days 1,892 were completed; that related to 1,796 unique children. Within ten days there were 125 completed, which related to 124 unique children. There are 37 investigations where the timeframes were not stated. That gives the total of 3,361 investigations and the 3,090 unique children in total.

Then, I think it was a two-part question. The response to Question B was that 65.5% were done within 24 hours with the remainder of 34.5% done after 24 hours.

The answer to part C of that question is that of priority one completed investigations by age of child at investigation commencement, there were 40 under the age of one; 29 investigations for 27 unique children who were two; 16 investigations for children aged two; 19 for three-years-old; 10 for four-years-old; 12 for five-years-old; 15 for six-years-old; 14 for seven-years-old; 19 for eight-years-old; 18 for nine-years-old, with a total number of 17 unique children; 20 for ten-years-old; 20 for eleven-years old; 23 for twelve-years-old, with 22 unique children; 23 for thirteen-years-old; 24 for fourteen-years-old; 22 for fifteen-years-old, with 21 unique children; 12 for sixteen-years-old; 9 for seventeen-years-old. That gives a total of 345 priority one investigations relating to 337 unique children.