

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Families:

Child Protection

1. The 2018/19 Transforming Out of Home Care report stated that: "Purchased home-based care will be phased-out in preference for family/kin and foster care".

The 2018/19 report showed that there were 347 in purchased home-based care and Written Question 348 states in July 2022 there were 361 children in purchased home-based care.

How many children are in purchased home-based care today? What is the total cost of their care per day?

2. How many children are in kinship care?
3. How many children are in foster care?
4. From the 23/24 budget, how much funding will go to providing purchased home-based care? And how much funding will go to foster care services and how much funding will go to kinship care services?
5. Could you provide an estimate of how much a kinship carer receives and a foster carer receives per child – compared with the cost associated with purchased home based care per child?

I realise each case is different depending on the needs of the child - please provide an approximate comparison based on the average?