

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Carney to Minister for Children and Families

Child Protection Workers

1. How many child protection workers were employed by the Department of Health and Families as at 31 October 2009. Under what classifications were they employed
2. How many child protection workers were employed by the Department of Health and Families as at 31 October 2008. Under what classifications were they employed.
3. How many child protection workers were allocated to the intake team of the Child Abuse Taskforce as at 31 October 2009.
4. How many child protection workers were allocated to the intake team of the Child Abuse Taskforce as at 31 October 2008.
5. How many child protection workers were allocated to the child protection investigative component of the Child Abuse Taskforce as at 31 October 2009.
6. How many child protection workers were allocated to the child protection investigative component of the Child Abuse Taskforce as at 31 October 2008.
7. How many mobile child protection teams were in operation as at 31 October 2009 and where were those teams operating.
8. How many mobile child protection teams were in operation as at 31 October 2008 and where were those teams operating.
9. How many child protection workers were employed in the mobile child protection team as at 31 October 2009.
10. How many child protection workers were employed in the mobile child protection team as at 31 October 2009.
11. How many child protection workers were employed by region as at 31 October 2009.

12. How many child protection workers were employed by region as at 31 October 2009.
 13. What is the turnover of staff for the years 07-08 and 08-09 for each of the classifications of staff listed above.
 14. In respect to the notifications, which staff classification specifically deals with assessing the notifications. Are initial assessment undertaken by intake workers, if not, which specific category of staff assess notifications, how many were assessed in each region and how many were assessed by each staffing position.
 15. What is the procedure used to assess a notification, is there a specific form or areas that are used to progress or not progress a notification.
 16. Has the Department implemented all the recommendations of the review into the intake system conducted by a South Australian consultant. What were the recommendations and if not all recommendations have been implemented, why not.
 17. What was the number of active cases as at 31 October 2009.
 18. What was the number of active cases as at 31 October 2008.
 19. How many notifications had not yet been investigated as at 31 October 2009.
 20. How many of these uninvestigated notifications as at 31 October 2009 were older than 3 months.
 21. How many notifications had not yet been investigated as at 31 October 2008.
 22. How many cases had been substantiated but not yet investigated as at 31 October 2008.
 23. Please list for each child protection worker, how many cases each managed or is managing as at 31 October 2009.
 24. Please list for each child protection worker, how many cases each managed or is managing as at 31 October 2008.
 25. How many child protection worker positions are currently vacant as at 31 October 2009. Where are these positions located and are those positions allocated to any particular component of the Child Abuse Taskforce.
 26. Please provide a copy of any policy or departmental directions relating to the process of responding to notifications from health or social workers at any Northern Territory hospital.
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