

Estimates Committee 2003

Questions Taken On Notice

(01/10/2002 to 01/10/2004)

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Subject: Data in relation to police intervention under the Community Welfare Act for juveniles AND Notification of child abuse in the Northern Territory

From: Mr DUNHAM to Honourable Jane AAGAARD
Minister for Health and Community Services

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Question: I understand that the minister has the capacity to provide me with child abuse statistics relating to referrals from the police on the basis of neglect under the Community Welfare Act. Could I have those statistics please?

Answer: Before taking action under the Community Welfare Act, the Police must believe that no other action would ensure the adequate care of the child.

In these circumstances, the Police may enter a place where a child is thought to be located, remove the child, have the child held in a place of safety for an appropriate period, and apply for a holding order under section 11A not later than 48 hours after taking the child into custody. If a holding order is sought, the Police notify FACS in writing within 48 of taking a child into custody.

Between the period July 2002 and June 2003 there were 280 reports by Police under the Community Welfare Act. Reports from Police NT wide for neglect for the 02/03 year are 78.

Answered On:

Answer:

Attachments: