

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19 June 2019

Subject: Cost to the Department of Out-of-home Care

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To: Minister for Territory Families

Agency: Territory Families

Number: 10.4

Question: Please provide a breakdown of the cost to the department of out-of-home care, broken up into all of the areas of out-of-home care: foster, kinship, purchased home-based, boarding school—you listed it, I will leave it to you to expand on that. Particularly residential care, breaking that down further because there are a number of types of residential care.

Answer:

As at the 31 March 2019 the total placement costs by placement type are as below:

Type of care	Cost (\$M)
Foster	\$8.09
Kinship	\$6.04
Purchased Home Based Care	\$21.84
Residential Care*	\$32.35
Other – includes boarding schools	\$0.2
TOTAL	\$68.52

*Residential Care includes Residential Places of Care, High Cost Placements and OOHC Grants

In addition to the cost of care above, case management expenditure for the same period was \$25.61 million. Total expenditure was \$94.13 million for Out-of-Home Care.