

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 19 June 2019

Subject: Out of Home Care Placements

From: Mr Yingiya Mark Guyula MLA

To: Minister for Territory Families

Agency: Territory Families

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Question: Over the past 12 months for each region could you provide information on how many children are currently in out-of-home care? How many Aboriginal children have been reunified with their families? How many Aboriginal children under child protection orders are in kinship care? How many Aboriginal children under child protection orders have been placed with family carers? Does Territory Families have a pool of approved Aboriginal kinship carers and how many are there in each region?

Answer:

As at 31 March 2019, the number of Aboriginal children in care in foster care, kinship care, purchased home based care and residential care by region (based on office managing).

Placement Type	Greater Darwin Region		Katherine & Northern Region		Southern Region		NT Wide	
	All Children	Aboriginal Children	All Children	Aboriginal Children	All Children	Aboriginal Children	All Children	Aboriginal Children
Foster Care	119	92	71	68	108	102	298	262
Kinship Care	75	60	101	97	89	87	265	244
Purchased Home Based Care	178	145	137	136	16	16	331	297
Residential Care	36	26	23	22	56	54	115	102
Other	14	10	44	43	13	12	71	65
Total OoHC	422	333	376	366	282	271	1080	970

As at 31 March 2019, number of Indigenous children in care cared for by an Aboriginal carer - placement type by region managing:

	Greater Darwin Region	Katherine & Northern Region	Southern Region	NT Total
Indigenous	333	366	271	970
% of Indigenous children placed with an Aboriginal Carer	27.93%	41.53%	45.02%	37.84%

As at 31 March 2019, for duration of 2018-19 Aboriginal children returned to family by region (exit care under reason “return to family”):

	Greater Darwin Region	Katherine & Northern Region	Southern Region	NT Total
Aboriginal Child Returned to Family	20	36	48	104

Number of Aboriginal kinship carer places of care:

	Aboriginal Kinship Carer As at 31 March 2019
Greater Darwin Region	128
Northern Region	32
Southern Region	70
Total	230