

# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Moss to the Minister for Children and Families:

### Child Protection Services Notifications

Can you please advise as at 31 March 2016 for child protection services:

**1. How many child protection notifications were received**

In the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016, the Department of Children and Families received 14,988 child protection notifications.

**2. How many notifications were referred for investigation**

Of the 14,988 child protection notifications received in the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016, 5,637 proceeded to investigation.

**3. The performance of the commencement of investigations against priority response times 1-4**

Table 1 outlines the priority response time performance for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016:

**Table 1: Priority response times for the period 1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016**

	<b>1 July 2015 to 31 March 2016</b>
Priority 1 - commenced within 24 hours	96%
Priority 2 - commenced within 3 days	88%
Priority 3 - commenced within 5 days	88%
Priority 4 - commenced within 10 days	86%

**4. How many investigations were substantiated**

Of the 5,957 child protection investigations that were finalised between 1 July 2015 and 31 March 2016, 1,504 were substantiated.

**5. How many are ongoing**

As at 31 March 2016, there were 1,116 child protection investigations ongoing.