

The Hon Kate WASHINGTON MP

FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES, AND DISABILITY INCLUSION

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1	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Adoption Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Adoption Act 2000</i> was subject to a statutory review in 2006 and there is no legislative requirement for a further review. The Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) monitors the application and suitability of Acts under its administration to ensure that their policy objectives remain valid, and their provisions are appropriate to secure those objectives.
2	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Child Protection (International Measures) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Child Protection (International Measures) Act 2006</i> is not currently under review.
3	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012</i> was subject to a statutory review in 2017.
4	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998</i> is not currently under review. However, DCJ will shortly commence a review of the amendments made to the Care Act by way of the <i>Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Amendment (Family is Culture) Act 2022</i> , as required by section 265 of the Care Act.
5	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act 1993</i> is not currently under review.
6	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the review into the Children's Guardian Act completed? (a) If no, what date will the review be completed and be made public?	I am advised: The review of the <i>Children's Guardian Act 2019</i> is ongoing. The review is expected to be completed and tabled in 2024.

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7	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Community Services (Complaints, Reviews and Monitoring) Act under review?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 5.
8	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Disability Inclusion Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>Disability Inclusion Act 2014</i> is not currently under review.
9	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (NSW Enabling) Act 2013</i> is not currently under review.
10	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Checks) Act under review?	I am advised: No. The <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme (Worker Checks) Act 2018</i> is not currently under review.
11	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many calls to the Child Protection Hotline between October to December 2023?	I am advised: 19,736 calls.
12	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many calls to the Child Protection Hotline between October to December 2022?	I am advised: 18,821 calls.
13	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What are the six tools being reviewed as part of the Structured Decision Making? (a) What will be implemented in 2024?	I am advised: The six Structured Decision Making (SDM) tools are: 1) Mandatory Reporter Guide 2) Screening and Response Priority Tool 3) Safety Assessment 4) Risk Assessment 5) Risk Reassessment and 6) Restoration Assessment. DCJ is reviewing the use of all six tools in formal partnership with AbSec and the Aboriginal Legal Service, as well as with Aboriginal communities, organisations, peaks, and child protection practitioners to design a new approach to child protection assessment. This project will review and develop the policies, practice, procedures, and assessment frameworks that govern how families are supported in statutory child protection. (a) From the first half of this year, changes will be made to how caseworkers assess risk. This interim approach will involve: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to the existing SDM Risk assessment, Risk Reassessment and Restoration tools to remove the scoring, amend questions and delete some questions.

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncoupling the legal determination about whether a 'child is in need of care and protection' from the outcome of the SDM Risk assessment tool and providing a mechanism to support caseworkers to make this statutory decision. • Changes to referral processes for Family preservation services, which are currently based on the SDM Risk Assessment outcomes. <p>These changes will not affect the way caseworkers assess safety and they will remain in place until a new approach is designed. At all times, the safety of children remains paramount.</p>
14	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions at 33, it is advised: "It is a policy requirement that a pathway planning meeting occurs within 30 days of a child entering care, or starting school (whichever is later). DCJ is unable to extract this data on a state-wide level." Why is DCJ unable to extract this data?	<p>I am advised: The Personalised Learning and Support Plan is a living document, which is reviewed annually, and when a child changes schools. The status and details of individual Plans will differ depending on each individual child's circumstances (whether they have recently left or re-entered care, changed schools etc). The Plan moves with the child as they transfer schools, or as circumstances change for the child.</p> <p>These plans form an essential part of a child's records; these records cannot currently be extracted for statewide reporting.</p>
15	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions at 35, it is advised: "It is a policy requirement that a pathway planning meeting occurs within 30 days of a child entering care, or starting school (whichever is later). DCJ is unable to extract this data on a state-wide level." Why is DCJ unable to extract this data?	<p>I am advised: Refer to response to supplementary question 14.</p>
16	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many families were referred and how many conferences were convened for the following years: (a) 2021-22? (b) 2022-23?	<p>I am advised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) In 2021/22, 1,114 families (2,073 children and young people) were referred to Family Group Conferencing. Conferences were convened for 852 families (1,604 children and young people). b) In 2022/23, 1,215 families (2,609 children and young people) were referred to Family Group Conferencing. Conferences were convened for 934 families (2,047 children and young people).

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17	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Of those that participated in the conference, how many families were Aboriginal for the following years? (a) 2021-22? (b) 2022-23?	I am advised: a) In 2021/22, Family Group Conferences were convened for 437 Aboriginal families (855 Aboriginal children and young people). b) In 2022/23, Family Group Conferences were convened for 456 Aboriginal families (1,026 Aboriginal children and young people).
18	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many proceeded to the Children's Court for interim or final orders for the following years: (a) 2021-22? (b) 2022-23?	I am advised: Interim and final orders as reported are not linked to Family Group Conferencing records. The linkage is a complex process and is unable to be completed in the necessary timeframe. In 2021-22, 2,537 children and young people were issued a finalised care and protection order and 1,501 were issued an interim / temporary care and protection order in the same year. In 2022-23, 2,292 children and young people were issued a finalised care and protection order and 1,451 were issued an interim / temporary care and protection order in the same year. A child may be issued both finalised and interim orders during the year. In this instance, the finalised order will have precedence.
19	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many that proceeded to the Children's Court for interim or final orders involved Aboriginal families for the following years: (a) 2021-22? (b) 2022-23?	I am advised: Interim and final orders as reported are not linked to Family Group Conferencing records. The linkage is a complex process and is unable to be completed in the necessary timeframe In 2022-23, 928 Aboriginal children and young people were issued a finalised care and protection order and 649 were issued an interim / temporary care and protection order in the same year. In 2021-22, 1,089 children and young people were issued a finalised care and protection order and 699 were issued an interim / temporary care and protection order in the same year. A child may be issued both finalised and interim orders during the year. In this instance, the finalised order will have precedence.

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20	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people were in each HCEA placement type from: (a) 1 October to 31 December 2023? (b) 1 January to 31 January 2024? (c) 1 February to 29 February 2024?	I am advised: a) Alternative Care Arrangement (ACA): 212 Interim Care Model (ICM): 116 Individual Placement Arrangement (IPA): 271 Short Term Emergency Placement (STEP): 87 Special Out-of-Home Care (Special OOHC): 26. b) ACA: 111, ICM: 102, IPA: 215, STEP: 61, Special OOHC: 18. c) ACA: 111, ICM: 97, IPA: 223, STEP: 64, Special OOHC: 17.
21	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people were in each HCEA placement type were case managed by DCJ and how many are case managed by a non-government organisation from: (a) 1 October to 31 December 2023? (b) 1 January to 31 January 2024? (c) 1 February to 29 February 2024?	I am advised: a) DCJ: ACA: 151, ICM: 72, IPA: 165, Special OOHC: 26, STEP: 48 NGO: ACA: 61, ICM: 44, IPA: 106, STEP: 39. b) DCJ: ACA: 72, ICM: 60, IPA: 132, Special OOHC: 18, STEP: 36 NGO: ACA: 39, ICM: 42, IPA: 83, STEP: 25. c) DCJ: ACA: 71, ICM: 59, IPA: 141, Special OOHC: 17, STEP: 34 NGO: ACA: 40, ICM: 38, IPA: 82, STEP: 30.
22	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the cost of each HCEA placement type for: (a) 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023? (b) 1 July to 31 September 2023? (c) 1 October to 31 December 2023? (d) 1 January to 31 January 2024?	I am advised: The cost of High Cost Emergency Arrangements differs between children and young people based on their individual circumstances therefore an average daily cost per child for each arrangement has been provided. ICM is a funded service type and not included. See Table SQ 22 . Alternative care arrangement (average cost per day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - June 2023 - \$1,020.57 • August 2023 - January 2024 - \$881 • November 2023 - January 2024 - \$842.65. Individual Placement Arrangement (average cost per day) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - June 2023 - \$822.61 • August 2023 - January 2024 - \$893

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 2023 – January 2024 - \$824.09. <p>Short Term Emergency Placement (average cost per day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - June 2023 - \$927.60 • August 2023 - January 2024 - \$873.85 • November 2023 - January 2024 - \$863.92. <p>Special OOHC (average cost per day)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January - June 2023 - \$1026.40 • August 2023 - January 2024 - \$805.52 • November 2023- January 2024 - \$763.75.
23	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the current availability of placements under the Interim Care Model, and how many of these placements have already been filled?	I am advised: As at 12 March 2024, there 111 funded Interim Care Model placements. There are currently 18 vacancies with five of these being unable to be filled due to repairs being undertaken to the properties, once repairs are complete, these vacancies are filled.
24	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) Community Services Centres (CSCs) has the Minister visited since her appointment as Minister? (a) Which CSCs? i. What date/s?	I am advised: Since I was sworn in, I have visited Community Services Centres, District Offices, and other DCJ staff units in Ballina, Blacktown, Bradbury, Broadmeadow, Broken Hill, Campbelltown, Casino, Dubbo, Lismore, Liverpool, Mount Vernon, Newcastle, Orange, Parramatta, Raymond Terrace, Strawberry Hills, and Sydney. Additionally in December 2023, I convened six staff forums to hear from staff in Parramatta, Coffs Harbour, Sydney CBD, Queanbeyan, Wagga Wagga and Newcastle.
25	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the current caseworker to child ratio?	I am advised: Caseworker to child ratios vary depending on a range of factors. The ratio is dependent on the caseworker, the complexity of the case, the family situation and the level of intervention required. A single ratio would not be meaningful. In addition, day-to-day caseload information is not stored in a way that enables it to be extracted for statewide reporting.

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26	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people have had their case management transferred to NGOs between: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) Over last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What were the reason/s for the transfer?	I am advised: Reasons for transfer are captured in local case files, this information is not captured in a way that enables extraction for statewide reporting. Please refer to Table SQ 26 .
27	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people have had their case management transferred to DCJ between: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) Over last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What were the reason/s for the transfer?	I am advised: Reasons for transfer are captured in local case files, this information is not captured in a way that enables extraction for statewide reporting. Please refer to Table SQ 27 .
28	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that are case managed by DCJ and NGOs?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 14,723 children and young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7,205 (or 48.9%) were case managed by DCJ • 7,518 (or 51.1%) were case managed by NGOs.
29	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children and young people case managed by DCJ, NGOs and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs)?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 6,563 Aboriginal children and young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3,456 (or 52.7%) were case managed by DCJ • 1,361 (or 20.7%) were case managed by ACCOs • 1,746 (or 26.6%) were case managed by non-Aboriginal NGOs.
30	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is Criminal Name Index number 776410162 known to the Department of Communities and Justice?	I am advised: It is not appropriate to comment on individual matters.

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31	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children that are required to have a case plan have a case plan? (a) What is the number by percentage?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 13,392 children and young people a) 11,594 or 86.6%.
32	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	As of today, how many children managed by DCJ have a case plan? (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months? (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 5,488 children and young people were required to have a case plan, and 4,962 (or 90.4%) had one. a) 130 b) 209.
33	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	As of today, how many children managed by an NGO have a case plan? (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months? (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 7,904 children and young people were required to have a case plan, and 6,632 (or 83.9%) had one. a) 52 b) 110.
34	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	As of today, how many children managed by DCJ have a current cultural support plan? (a) How many of these children and young people have been living in OOHC for 0-3 months? (b) How many of the children and young people have been living in OOHC care for 3-6 months? (c) Is the cultural support plan mandatory for every child or young person in OOHC? (d) How much does a typical plan cost per child or young person? (e) How many plans have been developed in the last 12 months?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 2,872 Aboriginal children case managed by DCJ were required to have a cultural support plan, and 2,346 (or 81.7%) had one. a) 48 had been living in OOHC for 0 to <3 months b) 91 had been living in OOHC for 3 to <6 months c) Yes d) Cost information is stored in case management records that cannot be extracted for statewide reporting e) 782 Aboriginal children had a new cultural support plan developed during the year.
35	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of restoration? (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage? (b) How many are non-Aboriginal? (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 807 or 5.5 per cent of children and young people in care had a case plan goal of restoration. a) 360 (or 44.6%) were Aboriginal b) 447 (or 55.4%) were non-Aboriginal. c) Please refer to Table SQ 35 - SQ 38 .

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36	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of guardianship? (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage? (b) How many are non-Aboriginal? (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 846 or 5.7 per cent of children and young people in care had a case plan goal of Guardianship. a) 398 (or 47.0%) were Aboriginal b) 448 (or 53.0%) were non-Aboriginal c) Please refer to Table SQ 35 - SQ 38 .
37	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of adoption? (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage? (b) How many are non-Aboriginal? (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 219 or 1.5 per cent of children and young people in care had a case plan goal of Open Adoption. a) 14 (or 6.4%) were Aboriginal b) 205 (or 93.6%) were non-Aboriginal c) Please refer to Table SQ 35 - SQ 38 .
38	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people that have a case plan goal of long-term care? (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and what is this by percentage? (b) How many are non-Aboriginal? (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: As at 30 June 2023, 10,432 or 70.9 per cent of children and young people in care had a case plan goal of Long Term Care. a) 4,741 (or 45.4%) were Aboriginal. b) 5,691 (or 54.6%) were non-Aboriginal c) Please refer to data tables Table SQ 35 - SQ 38 .
39	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people under Parental Responsibility to the Minister (PRM) are currently suspended from school? (a) What is the largest number of times a child currently in the Minister's care has been suspended from school?	I am advised: Data on student suspensions is stored in local case files, DCJ is unable to extract this information on a state-wide level.
40	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people under PRM are not in a placement with an authorised carer? (a) How many were 'Absent over 24 hours – location unknown' and how many children were recorded as 'self-placed'? (b) How many were Aboriginal? (c) How many are non-Aboriginal?	I am advised: a) As at 30 September 2023, 280 children and young people were absent over 24 hours – location unknown or self-placed. Of these children and young people, seven were absent over 24 hours – location unknown and 273 children were recorded as self-placed. b) 154 were Aboriginal c) 126 were non-Aboriginal.

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41	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many 2024-25 Pre-Budget submissions did the Minister's office receive? (a) Is the Minister aware of each submission? i. Has the Minister read each submission?	I am advised: A range of formal and informal budget requests and submissions have been, and are being, received by my office.
42	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people entered Out-of-Home Care (OOHC) from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) Over the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender? (g) How many children and young people are currently in OOHC?	I am advised: (a) to (f) Please refer to Table SQ 42 . Please note that data for (f) is not available for the last 12 months. (g) As at 31 December 2023, 14,273 children and young people were in OOHC.
43	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people exited OOHC from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) Over the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: (a) to (f) Please refer to Table SQ 43 . Please note that data for (f) is not available for the last 12 months.

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44	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many children and young people in foster care from:</p> <p>(a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender? (g) How many children and young people are currently in foster care?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Refer to Table SQ 44 (a/b/d/e) for data on children and young people in foster care by Aboriginality, as at 30 September 2023 and 31 December 2023. (f) See Table SQ 44 for a breakdown by age and gender. (g) the most current finalised count is as at 31 December 2023. Note, data is not counted during the year, but rather at the end of reporting periods.</p>
45	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many children and young people currently were in residential care from?</p> <p>(a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Refer to Table SQ 45 (a/b/d/e) for data on children and young people in residential care by Aboriginality, as at 30 September 2023 and 31 December 2023. (f) See Table SQ 45 for a breakdown by age and gender. Note, data is not counted during the year, but rather at the end of reporting periods.</p>
46	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>How many children and young people entered residential care from:</p> <p>(a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>Please refer to Table SQ 46.</p>

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47	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people exited residential care from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: Please refer to Table SQ 47 .
48	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many residential care operators in NSW and what are the names of the operators?	I am advised: Service providers accredited to provide residential out-of-home care are listed on the Office of the Children's Guardian Website: https://ocg.nsw.gov.au/statutory-out-of-home-care
49	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people are under a guardianship order from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender? (g) How many children and young people are currently under a guardianship order?	I am advised: Please refer to Table SQ 49 . Note, data is not counted during the year, but rather at the end of reporting periods.

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50	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people were adopted from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: Please refer to Table SQ 50 . Data by gender is not available.
51	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people (CYP) are currently in the process of adoption?	I am advised: As at 13 March 2024, 77 children.
52	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people were in the process of adoption in the last 12 months but: (a) Had their case management plan changed? (b) What were those changes? (c) What were the reason/s for the changes?	I am advised: a) In 2023-23 there were 174 adoptions matters, a total of 22 of these had the case plan goal of adoption changed. b) Long term care 19, Guardianship 1 and Aftercare 2 c) This information relates to a small number of children and young people in each district which could identify the children involved.
53	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people were restored to their parents from: (a) 1 July and 30 September 2023? (b) 1 October and 31 December 2023? (c) In the last 12 months? For the above dates include: (d) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (e) How many were non-Aboriginal? (f) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: Please refer to Table SQ 53 . Data by gender is not available.
54	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHHC that attended school in NSW each month from April 2023 to December 2023?	I am advised: School aged children are required by law to be enrolled in, and attend school. DCJ is unable to extract this information on a state-wide level. In mid-2023, an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between DCJ and the Department of Education (DoE) for information sharing with respect to children and young

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55	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended school in NSW during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to Supplementary question 54.
56	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended primary schools during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
57	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended secondary schools during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
58	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended central/community schools during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
59	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended distance education centres during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
60	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended schools for specific purposes during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
61	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended selective schools during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.

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62	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended multi-campus colleges during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
63	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many and what is the percentage of children and young people in OOHC that attended Connected Communities schools during 2023? (a) How many are currently enrolled?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 54.
64	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many children and young people in OOHC are currently living overseas? (a) How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (b) How many are non-Aboriginal? (c) What is the breakdown by age and gender?	I am advised: There are currently nine children and young people under the long-term Parental Responsibility of the Minister residing overseas. a) One b) Eight c) The ages range between 3 and 17 years of age. Two are female and seven are male.
65	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the Department reviewed the Tomaree public consultation survey conducted in early 2023? (a) If not, why not? (b) If yes, when will the report be made public? i. If not being released publicly, why not?	I am advised: Yes. The survey report will be made public when the Department has completed a further assessment of the constraints of the site and provided this to the Minister. This work is underway.
66	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the Minister received the current assessment she has undertaken for Tomaree Lodge? (a) If yes, what date? (b) If no, why the delay? (c) What date is it due?	I am advised: A high-level assessment of options for Tomaree Lodge was prepared for the Minister in December 2023. The Minister is considering options for the future use of the site.
67	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How much did the assessment cost? (a) Was a third party, other than DCJ, involved? i. If yes, how much was paid to the third party?	I am advised: The cost of the Survey and associated Assessment was \$181,550.54, including \$99,000 to Property and Development NSW and \$82,550.54 to their subcontractor Umwelt. Property and Development NSW managed the survey and site assessment. They engaged Umwelt to undertake the consultation survey.

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68	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In 2023, how many individual clients participated in the Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) program? (a) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? i. Of these, how many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children? (b) How many were non-Aboriginal? i. Of these, how many were non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children? (c) Which LGAs saw the most investment?	I am advised: 170,229 individual clients in 2022-2023. a) 26,091 individual Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients i. 6,392 were aged 0-9 years. b) 130,290 individual clients i. 27,344 were aged 0-9 years. c) This data cannot be extracted for statewide reporting.
69	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What proportion of TEI funding is directed to Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations compared to NGOs?	I am advised: 7.2% per cent.
70	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the Minister seen the correspondence from Griffith Local Aboriginal Land Council in relation to Tirkandi Inaburra? (a) Has the Minister responded to the correspondence? i. If yes, what date? ii. If no, what date will the Minister respond?	I am advised: On 5 January 2024, members of Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre voluntarily wound up the organisation. It was not appropriate for me to interfere in this matter.
71	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Will the Minister commit to funding Tirkandi Inaburra in the 2024-25 NSW Budget? (a) Has the Minister met with the Premier and/or Treasurer in relation to Tirkandi Inaburra?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 70.
72	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In 2023, how many families and children and young people received family preservation services? (a) How many were Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? (b) How many were non-Aboriginal?	I am advised: In 2022-23, it is estimated that 10,059 children and young people were provided with Family Preservation services: a) 3,695 were Aboriginal b) 6,364 were non-Aboriginal or their Aboriginality was unknown. Note this data is a preliminary estimate. I am working with the Department to increase transparency and the availability of data.
73	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What proportion of family preservation funding (excluding PSP Family Preservation) is directed to ACCOs compared to NGOs?	I am advised: In 2023/24, 10.4 per cent.

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74	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In 2023, how many Aboriginal families and children were assisted by PSP Family Preservation? (a) How many families were closed with successful outcomes? (b) How many families were closed due to disengagement? (c) How much funding was directed towards ACCOs to provide these services compared to non-Aboriginal agencies (including DCJ)? (d) What is the current total funding amount (and proportion provided to ACCOs) compared to 2023?	I am advised: 74 (a) and 74 (b). This data has not been available for some years, and I am working with the Department to increase transparency and the availability of data. In 2023/24, the total funding amount for PSP Family Preservation is \$30,825,736.45. Of this, 75% (\$23,073,547.31) is directed towards ACCOs and 25% (\$7,752,189.14) is directed to other service providers.
75	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In 2023, how many non-Aboriginal families and children were assisted by PSP Family Preservation? (a) How many families were closed with successful outcomes? (b) How many families were closed due to disengagement?	This data has not been available for some years, and I am working with the Department to increase transparency and the availability of data.
76	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	(76) What was the Risk of Significant Harm (ROSH) response rate for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children as at December 2023?	I am advised: 34.5% (8,678 out of 25,130) Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander children were seen during 2022-23.
77	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	(77) What was the ROSH response rate for non-Aboriginal children as at December 2023?	I am advised: 24.7% (19,104 out of 87462) non-Aboriginal children were seen during 2022-23.
78	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What was the ROSH re-report rate for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children as at December 2023?	I am advised: 49.7 per cent.
79	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What was the ROSH re-report rate for non-Aboriginal children as at December 2023?	I am advised: 33.2 per cent.
80	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the average wait time for a response to ministerial representations from MPs and MLCs after the date in which it is received?	I am advised: Timeframes for correspondence depend on the complexity of matters, the need to obtain and verify information from DCJ and NGO service providers, and the time required for any case review activity. The Ministers' correspondence policy is available online: https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/ministers-correspondence-policy

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81	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the total number of ministerial representations the Minister's office has received since the Minister's appointment? (a) How many related to Families and Communities? (b) How many related to Disability Inclusion?	I am advised: I receive a large amount of correspondence from individuals, stakeholders, service providers, Members of Parliament and other groups. Ministerial representations are individually registered and tracked depending on their intent and purpose. These representations cannot be meaningfully extracted for reporting on a congregate basis.
82	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What date will the More Jobs More Care (MJMC) program evaluation completed by Apprenticeship Careers Australia last year be released publicly? (a) If it will not be made public, why not?	I am advised: A final report was provided to DCJ by Apprenticeship Careers Australia on the More Jobs More Care Phase 1 services delivered as part of the one-off funding provided in the 2020/21 NSW Budget. The report was not intended for public release.
83	Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the More Jobs More Care (MJMC) program evaluation completed by Yilabara Solutions been completed? (a) What date will it be made public? (b) If it will not be made public, why not?	I am advised: A final report was provided to DCJ by Yilabara Solutions on the More Jobs More Care Phase 2 services delivered as part of the one-off funding provided in the 2020/21 NSW Budget. The report was not intended for public release.
84	Hon Chris Rath MLC	Was the Minister aware prior to her Budget Estimates session that the joint recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission final report would be delayed to mid-2024?	I am advised: This matter was confirmed on 5 March 2024, when a Joint Statement on Australian, State and Territory responses to the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability was published. A copy is available online: https://ministers.dss.gov.au/media-releases/14011 . Given this was a joint statement, the NSW Government contributed to its drafting.
85	Hon Chris Rath MLC	What date was the Minister advised the Disability Royal Commission final report would be delayed to mid-2024?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 84.
86	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In your last Answers to Supplementary Questions, it is advised: "The NSW Government intends to provide an initial response to the Disability Royal Commission in March 2024". Will the Minister provide an initial response in March 2024? (a) If no, why the delay? (b) What date will the final response be issued? (c) Will an interim response be issued? i. If yes, what date?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 84.

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87	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many people comprise of the cross-agency taskforce that will help develop the NSW Government's response to the Royal Commission? (a) What is the breakdown of the number of people from the Department of Communities and Justice, Ministry of Health, and the Department of Education? (b) How many are casual, contract/temporary, and full-time? (c) What is the total cost of the cross-agency taskforce?	I am advised: The taskforce is led by the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and includes the NSW Ministry of Health, The Department of Education, Department of Customer Service, Aboriginal Affairs NSW, the Public Service Commission, The Cabinet Office, and Treasury. Taskforce members are employed by their home agencies and continue to undertake work and are paid within their agencies.
88	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Will the Minister commit to ongoing funding for Accessibility NSW after 1 July 2024?	I am advised: The 2024-25 budget process has not been finalised.
89	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the Minister met with the Premier, Treasurer or other Minister/s in relation to ongoing funding for Accessibility NSW after 1 July 2024? (a) If yes, what date/s and who? (b) If no, why not?	I am advised: I regularly meet with other ministers to discuss funding and matters related to my portfolios.
90	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many advocates and stakeholders attended the Disability Royal Commission Stakeholder Forum on 23 October 2023? (a) What are the names of the advocates and stakeholders? (b) Was each advocate and stakeholder invited or was the Forum publicly advertised? (c) Where was the Forum held?	I am advised: Over 100 people attended the Disability Royal Commission Stakeholder Forum on 23 October 2023, either online or in person. Stakeholders included people with lived experience of disability and representatives from disability rights and advocacy groups, disability services and government agencies. It was an invite only forum for key stakeholders across NSW. The forum was held at Parramatta. The NSW Government also held an open submission process in early 2024 for all stakeholders and the general public to make a submission in relation to the Disability Royal Commission.
91	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the Forum a one-off? (a) If no, what are the date/s of the next Forum sessions?	I am advised: The NSW Government is committed to ongoing engagement with a wide range of stakeholders including organisations, other government departments, people with disability, advocacy groups, peak bodies, and Aboriginal stakeholders in relation to disability reform.

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92	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What date will the new Commissioner of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commissioner be appointed?	I am advised: An announcement about the appointment of a new Commissioner will be made in due course.
93	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Has the recruitment process commenced for the new Commissioner commenced? (a) If yes, what date did the recruitment process commence? i. Who has been engaged to undertake the recruitment process of the new Commissioner? ii. How much is the recruitment process? (b) If no, what date will the recruitment process commence? i. How long will the recruitment process take?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 92.
94	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Will an interim Commissioner be announced? (a) If yes, what date? (b) If no, why not?	I am advised: Yes, arrangements for the acting Commissioner were announced on 27 March 2024.
95	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the funding breakdown of the NSW Ageing and Disability Commission (ADC) in 2023-24? (a) How much of the funding is recurrent?	I am advised: Total ADC funding in 2023/24 is \$7.3 million, comprising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$4.8 million recurrent funding • \$2.5 million one-off grant.
96	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many people are employed with the Commission? (a) How many are casual, contract/temporary, and full-time?	I am advised: 37 as at 15 March 2024, not including the Commissioner: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 ongoing staff • 3 temporary staff • 6 contractors.
97	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many Helpline consultants are there currently?	I am advised: As of 12 March 2024, the Helpline has seven consultant roles (6.6 FTE), plus the Helpline Manager.

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98	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many unallocated services are there currently? (a) Of these, how many are visitable residential out-of-home care services for children and young people? i. How many and what percentage were seen by an Official Community Visitor in the last 12 months? (b) How many are visitable disability accommodation services? i. How many and what percentage were seen by an Official Community Visitor in the last 12 months?	I am advised: As of 31 January 2024, 1,637 visitable services were unallocated. (a) 130 i. 38 (29%). (b) 1,507 i. 343 (23%).
99	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Why won't the Minister provide a date for the NSW Government's response to the NDIS Review?	I am advised: Work relating to the NDIS Review is ongoing. A National Cabinet decision regarding the NDIS Review can be found here: https://www.pm.gov.au/media/meeting-national-cabinet-federation-working-australia

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100	Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>In its submission to the NDIS Review, the NSW Government conducted high-level data analysis indicating that the average utilisation of NDIS plans for children in OOHC in NSW is lower than for non-OOHC participants. Will the Minister release the data analysis?</p> <p>(a) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have NDIS plans?</p> <p>i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan? ∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? · What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan? ∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? <p>ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?</p> <p>(b) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that are yet to be assessed for a NDIS plan?</p> <p>i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan? ∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? · What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan? ∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? <p>ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>The NSW Government submission to the Independent Review of the NDIS is published on the DCJ website: https://dcj.nsw.gov.au/community-inclusion/disability-and-inclusion/nsw-government-submission-to-the-ndis-review.html.</p> <p>That the average utilisation of NDIS plans for children in Out of Home Care (OOHC) in NSW is lower (56%) than for non-OOHC participants (63%).</p> <p>Some children also have no spends against their plans, many do not have support coordination, and many have significant underspends (20% underspend or more) at least four months into their plan.</p> <p>The total estimated unused value of the funding available in these plans in FY 2021-22 was \$17.4 million.</p> <p>The analysis in the NSW Government's submission to the NDIS Review relied on a specific manual data matching process. DCJ does not routinely report matched data of the type requested.</p>

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101	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>In the NSW Government's submission to the NDIS Review, it is noted that some children have no spends against their plans, many do not have support coordination, and many have significant underspends into their plan. What are the causes surrounding the lack of utilisation of the funds?</p> <p>(a) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have no spends against their NDIS plans?</p> <p>i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p> <p>· What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p> <p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>· What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p> <p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?</p> <p>(b) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that do not have support coordination?</p> <p>i. What is the breakdown by age and gender? · What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p> <p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>· What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p> <p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?</p> <p>iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?</p> <p>(c) What is the percentage and numerical figure of children in OOHC that have significant underspends into their plan?</p> <p>i. What is the breakdown by age and gender?</p> <p>· What is the youngest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p>	<p>I am advised:</p> <p>A number of key factors drive low NDIS plan utilisation in NSW, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varying capacity and capability of the NDIS Support Coordinator market, particularly in regional areas of NSW. The NDIA and NDIS Quality and Safeguards Commission have the primary stewardship role in relation to the NDIS provider market. • Caseworkers do not currently have 'real time' access to NDIS plans for children in their care. • Not all children in OOHC are funded for Support Coordination. • There are thin markets for behaviour support and therapies to meet the needs of NDIS participants, particularly children and young people. The recent NDIS review recognised the need for greater stewardship of the NDIS behaviour support market so that clients have access to the behaviour support and therapies they need. <p>NDIS information about children in OOHC is contained in individual case file records, it cannot be extracted for statewide reporting.</p>

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		<p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? · What is the oldest age of the child in OOHC that has a NDIS plan?</p> <p>∅ Is the child Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? ii. How many are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander? 18 iii. How many are non-Aboriginal?</p>	
102	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the number of employees in the Department who have returned to the office on a full-time basis since the Premier reaffirmed this in June 2023?	<p>I am advised: The DCJ approach to flexible working is team based, encouraging flexible work arrangements that meet team, client, and individual's needs. This is supported by the DCJ Better Ways of Working Flexible Work Framework that launched in 2021.</p> <p>Data on staff working from the office or home is oversighted by management locally, it is not stored in a system that can be extracted centrally.</p>
103	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	How many employees have adopted a part-time office return and what are the common patterns observed?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>
104	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Are there established, agreed-upon hours of work that facilitate collaboration and interaction among staff?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>
105	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is the information regarding staff office hours and occupancy rates regularly communicated to the Minister?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>
106	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	<p>What is the current office occupancy rate? (a) How has it trended over the past 12 months?</p>	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>
107	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	What is the average work from home time during a standard work week?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>
108	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Is there a systematic record-keeping process in place for tracking office occupancy rates?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.</p>

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109	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	In light of observed office occupancy trends, should members of the public expect to encounter multiple floors of unoccupied space when visiting government offices?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 102.
110	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Does the NSW Government acknowledge a duty to the NSW taxpayers in efficiently managing and utilising office space, especially in light of current occupancy trends?	I am advised: Yes.
111	The Hon Chris Rath MLC	Does the Minister have a discretionary fund for Families and Communities and/or Disability Inclusion?	I am advised: No.
112	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	For each of FY 2019/2020, FY 2020/2021, FY 2021/2022, FY 2022/2023, and the current financial year, please provide the total number of children in out-of-home-care (a) of these, provide the number who i. are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander children ii. have ever been engaged by police iii. have ever been placed in custody iv. have ever presented before a court	I am advised: Please refer to Table SQ 112 for (i) as at 30 June each year. The Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) holds linked data for 15,009 young people who were in out-of-home care in June 2022. Of these young people: i. 6,566 were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. ii. This data is not available. iii. 183 have ever been in youth custody. iv. 871 have ever received a youth justice conference referral, youth caution or have appeared before a criminal court. NOTE: 1. The out-of-home care population is a point in time measure (June 2022). 2. The BOCSAR statistics are from a secondary linked data source. As such, BOCSAR out-of-home care numbers differ slightly to those from DCJ data reported in Table SQ 112 .
113	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Provide a breakdown of the number of Aboriginal children in high-cost emergency arrangements (HCEAs) by: (a) Age band (b) Type of HCEA (c) Average and median duration of stay in HCEA	I am advised: As at 31 December 2023, the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people in HCEAs were: a) By age band: 0-5: 11 6-10: 59 11-17: 122. b) By HCEA type:

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			<p>Alternative Care Arrangements (ACA): 51 Interim Care Model (ICM): 37 Individual Placement Arrangement (IPA): 80 Short Term Emergency Placement (STEP): 20, Special OOHC: <5.</p> <p>c) Average length of stay (days) ACA: 197 ICM: 159 IPA: 273 STEP: 146 Special OOHC: 1,001.</p> <p>Median Length of stay (days) ACA: 146 ICM: 101 IPA: 181 STEP: 122 Special OOHC: 730.</p>
114	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	<p>For the 21-22, 22-23, 23-24 financial years, provide a clearly labelled table of information about each of the</p> <p>(a) Targeted Early Intervention (TEI) (b) Brighter Futures (c) Intensive Family Support Families and Communities, Disability Inclusion (d) Permanency Support Program (PSP) (with breakdowns for Preservation, Restoration and OOHC) including: (a) Total funding received by all providers (b) Total funding received by ACCOs (c) % of total funding received by ACCOs (d) The number of Aboriginal clients receiving services across all providers</p>	<p>I am advised: See Table SQ 114.</p>

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115	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Provide a breakdown of the number of Aboriginal children in high-cost emergency arrangements (HCEAs) by: (a) Age band (b) Type of HCEA (c) Average and median duration of stay in HCEA	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 113.
116	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Provide targets for ACCO share of TEI funding in total and by district in the current financial year and the 24/25 financial year	I am advised: The state-wide target is 30%, there is no District level target.
117	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	For FY20-12, FY21-22, FY 22-23, and the current financial year, please provide the number of specialised perinatal caseworkers providing services to expectant Aboriginal mothers	I am advised: Districts received funding in 2023-24 FY. This funding will ensure at minimum there will be 23 dedicated and quarantined prenatal caseworkers across the state. Information on prenatal caseworker numbers from 2020-22 is not available since it was not captured in a way that enabled central reporting.
118	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	For FY20-12, FY21-22, FY 22-23, and the current financial year, please provide the number of expectant Aboriginal mothers who accessed specialised perinatal care	I am advised: DCJ does not capture this data in a way that enables centralised reporting.
119	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Provide an account of activities undertaken since August 2021 to achieve Recommendation 46 of the Family is Culture Report (a triage system for prenatal reports)	I am advised: DCJ is currently undertaking both a Prenatal Policy Review and a Prioritisation, Triage and Allocation Policy Review. Both reviews are responding to the intent of Recommendation 46 that Aboriginal families with unborn children at highest risk are prioritised for access to casework services.
120	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Has the DCJ engaged with ACCOs, AMS / ACCHOs or other Aboriginal organisations in the development of this triage system?	I am advised: In both the Prenatal Policy Review and the Prioritisation, Triage and Allocation Policy Review significant data analysis, research and stakeholder engagement have taken place across the state to inform the development of updated policies. Discussion Papers capturing the work done to date on both policy reviews will be released in 2024 and circulated widely to stakeholders, in particular Aboriginal stakeholders, to inform the direction of these policies.

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121	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Why has Recommendation 47 of the Family is Culture report (, a system of post-removal support for Aboriginal mothers and fathers who have had newborn or infant children removed from their care) been put “on hold”? (a) Have any partnerships been established (b) Has any work completed? (c) When will work recommence?	I am advised: Yes, the NSW Government has funded Legal Aid to provide additional legal support to parents involved with the child protection system under the Legal Assistance for Families Partnership Agreement. This includes legal support for a parent who has had their child removed from their care. DCJ is also working with Aboriginal stakeholders to establish a restoration taskforce. Other work on the Prenatal Policy Review and the Prioritisation, Triage and Allocation Policy Review are also underway.
122	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	In each of FY19-20, FY20-21, FY21-22, FY22-23, and the current financial year, provide the number of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal babies removed from their parents in hospital, by district (a) of these, provide the number who: i. were removed within 1-3 days of their birth ii. were removed within 4-7 days of their birth iii. were removed within 8-14 days of their birth iv. were children with disabilities v. were the children of parents with disabilities	I am advised: 1. A data breakdown by children with disabilities is not provided, because fewer than five babies with disability are removed within two weeks after their birth in each year. 2. Information about children of parents with disabilities is not available in a form that can be extracted for statewide wide reporting. 3. Please refer to Table SQ 122 for data breakdown by Aboriginality and DCJ district cluster, and by Aboriginality and time of removal.
123	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	In FY21-22, FY22-23, and the current financial year, what has been the total expenditure on Pregnancy Family Conferencing by DCJ out of the \$38.6 million that was provided by the Government from 2021-2023?	I am advised: Pregnancy Family Counselling is a program led jointly by the Ministry of Health and DCJ. DCJ has spent \$1.0 m (as of February 2024) out of the funding allocated to DCJ.
124	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Will a review of prenatal care provided to Aboriginal parents be conducted this year. If so, is this a DCJ and/or NSW Health initiative?	I am advised: Yes, a Prenatal Policy Review is currently underway, this is a DCJ initiative.
125	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	What work has DCJ done with NSW Health in relation to new ways of working with Aboriginal families prenatally?	I am advised: DCJ and the NSW Ministry of Health work in partnership to deliver Pregnancy Family Conferencing (PFC), a new way of working with expectant parents, where there is a high risk, the baby will enter out-of-home care when born. PFC aims to provide a culturally safe service by involving expectant parents in the planning of meetings and identifying key family and culturally safe services to participate.

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126	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	Is there a representative voice for Aboriginal people with disabilities as part of the MAP group?	I am advised: The selection process for members of the MAP Group was independently led by AbSec and SNAICC through an open EOI process. I am not aware whether any of its members have disclosed disability.
127	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	What is the structure of the team responsible for Transforming Aboriginal Outcomes and what is being done to ensure their work transforms outcomes for First Peoples with disabilities?	I am advised: The Transforming Aboriginal Outcomes (TAO) Division's team structure includes a Deputy Secretary and encompasses the policy areas of child safety and wellbeing, justice, domestic and family violence, and an administrations and coordination team. The Division was established under the former government in April 2022.
128	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	(128) How is the department embedding in its ongoing work to meet Closing the Gap (CTG) targets principles of independent governance, the five elements of the ATSICPP, as well as the Aboriginal culture and placement principals, & that align with Australia's commitments under the UNDRIP, the CRPD & the National Disability Strategy?	I am advised: The Aboriginal Justice Partnership Committee (AJPC) is co-chaired by ALS and DCJ and provides the governance mechanism for CTG Targets 10, 11 and 13. The Target 12 Child Safety Governance Group is co-chaired by AbSec and DCJ. Section 12A of the <i>Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998</i> embeds the five elements of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Child Placement Principle (ATSICPP) in DCJ's work with all Aboriginal children and families involved in the child protection and OOHC system. An eLearn package was developed and rolled out to all DCJ caseworkers in 2023. Additional practice resources are also being developed in partnership with AbSec and ALS, and upgrades to IT systems are underway to enable caseworkers to record their work with Aboriginal children and families. These resources support the principles of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), noting that further Aboriginal consultation regarding self-determination in child protection is required (Family is Culture Recommendation 8).
129	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	(129) What is being done to reduce the number of unnecessary removals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with disabilities in line with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission?	I am advised: The individual circumstances of Aboriginal children and young people are discussed at Safeguarding Decision Making for Aboriginal Children (SDMAC) Panels. Understanding disability and required supports are considered during these discussions. The Office of the Senior Practitioner reviews the operations of SDMAC panels including whether the child or young person has a disability.

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			<p>The DCJ Engagement and Family Support (EFS) unit provides support to caseworkers to help them navigate the NDIS for children and parents with disability who are in contact with the child protection system.</p> <p>Access to disability supports helps parents to maintain their caring role and keeps families together, diverting children and parents with disability away from the child protection system.</p> <p>EFS also works closely with the National Disability Insurance Agency to provide early intervention and prevention support to families who are struggling to support their child at home due to their child's complex disability support needs and reduce the risk of, and need for, more intensive interventions in the future.</p>
130	Ms Sue Higginson MLC	(130) Will the minister commit to a NSW Disability Priority Reform that takes into consideration critical areas of opportunity and improvements for First People living with a disability, in line with the recommendations of the Productivity Commission?	I am advised: The NSW Government is currently working with Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the disability community to consider a range of disability reform options.
131	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	(131) How much funding does Accessibility NSW receive? (a) Please provide a funding breakdown for each financial year since its commencement.	I am advised: Operational questions about Accessibility NSW should be directed the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.
132	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	(132) What is the progress to date of the Government's commitment to ensure all government documents relevant to people with intellectual disability are published in Easy Read by 2025?	I am advised: Accessibility NSW is currently developing guidelines for agencies in relation to Easy Read.
133	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	(133) Will Accessibility NSW be funded beyond 30 June 2024? (a) If funding will not be provided past June 30, what agency or department will be responsible for making all of NSW Government websites and services available in Easy Read by 2025?	I am advised: Operational questions about Accessibility NSW should be directed the Minister for Customer Service and Digital Government.
134	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	What actions has the Minister for Disability Inclusion taken to advocate for people with disability in regards to reducing fatalities and poor health outcomes?	I am advised: I regularly meet with my ministerial colleagues, department and agency officials, stakeholders and people with disability to advocate for improved inclusion and accessibility, and drive improvements across frontline services for people with disability. The Government funds a number of organisations under the Disability Advocacy Futures

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			Program (DAFP) to advocate for people with disability, including funding organisations working towards long-term social change, and policy advocacy groups run by, or on behalf of, people with disability.
135	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Has the Minister for Disability inclusion met with the Minister for Health in regards to reducing fatalities and poor health outcomes?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 134.
136	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	The Disability Royal Commission recommended phasing out group homes. Disability advocates have been calling for this for years. Is there any progress being made in this space, in relation to phasing out group homes or preparing for a potential phase out?	I am advised: The Disability Royal Commission and Independent Review of the NDIS make several important recommendations about housing and daily living supports for people with disability. The NSW Government is working with Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the disability community to consider the recommendations of both reports.
137	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	What is being done to support people with disability in NSW to live in accessible individualised housing rather than group homes?	I am advised: Specialist Disability Accommodation (SDA) under the National Disability Insurance Scheme provides a range of housing options designed to provide choice and control about where and who people with disability live with. SDA dwellings have accessible features to help residents live more independently and allow other supports to be delivered better or more safely. The NSW Government is working with Commonwealth, state and territory governments and the disability community to consider the recommendations of the Disability Royal Commission and Independent Review of the NDIS relating to SDA.
138	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	What is the progress of the reforms to the NSW Guardianship framework?	I am advised: This this question is to be directed to the Attorney General.
139	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Will this reform be in line with the recommendations from the Disability Royal Commission in relation to guardianship reform?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 138.

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140	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>The Audit Office of NSW found that NSW Trustee and Guardian does not have sufficient oversight to ensure that its services are consistent with legislative principles which aim to promote positive client outcomes. It also found that key findings and recommendations from previous reviews remain unresolved. What is being done to ensure that these issues are being dealt with?</p> <p>(a) This report made several recommendations, some to be done by May 2024 and some to be done by November 2024. Are we on track to implement any of these recommendations by these times?</p> <p>(b) Is the government intending to implement any of them?</p>	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 138.</p>
141	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>How many children and young people in alternative care arrangements are children and young people with disability?</p> <p>(a) How many are victims of family violence?</p> <p>(b) How many are First Nations children?</p>	<p>I am advised: As at 31 December 2023, there were 40 children and young people with a disability in Alternative Care Arrangements:</p> <p>a) DCJ does not capture this data in a way that enables statewide reporting.</p> <p>b) 24 of these 40 children and young people were Aboriginal.</p>
142	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>What funding streams are available to Councils or surf lifesaving clubs to get funding for removable wheelchair access maps or wheelchairs on beaches?</p>	<p>I am advised: Local councils, as "public authorities" under the Disability Inclusion Act 2014, are required to undertake disability inclusion action planning, and provide services in an accessible manner as part of their core business activities.</p> <p>While the Department of Communities and Justice has encouraged all councils with beaches to consider the accessibility of those beaches, individual councils prioritise disability inclusion projects based on community consultation. Councils and surf lifesaving clubs are advised to consider funding sources such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nsw.gov.au/grants-and-funding • grantguru.com.au/ • Grants.gov.au • business.gov.au/grants-and-programs • www.clubgrants.com.au.
143	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>The Regional Tourism Activation Fund was criticised as a Nationals pork-barrelling measure, but it did provide Councils with an important stream through which to upgrade disability access on beaches. Given this Fund</p>	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 142.</p>

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		has not continued in this budget, what money has the Labor government allocated towards improving accessibility of beaches?	
144	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	Byron Shire is the most visited tourist area in Australia, but it doesn't have a single accessible beach according to Accessible Beaches. Is there a reason the government hasn't taken action to ensure people with disabilities can access the beaches?	<p>I am advised: All local councils, including Byron Shire Council, are invited to attend regular webinars hosted by the Department of Communities and Justice, and the Disability Council NSW.</p> <p>These webinars have included briefings by Accessible Beaches, and all councils have been encouraged to consider the accessibility of beaches in their disability inclusion action planning (DIAP) processes.</p> <p>Individual councils prioritise disability inclusion projects based on community consultation and needs.</p>
145	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	<p>How much money have the Departments and agencies under your control spent on products purchased from Hewlett Packard (inclusive of HP Enterprise businesses, HP end-user businesses, and any other businesses representing the Hewlett Packard brand) (HP):</p> <p>(a) Please provide this information for each financial year since 2018/19 including 2023/24 to 31 December 2023, divided by agency, and include a short description of the kinds of products purchased for each agency each year, including whether any money has been spent since 7 October 2023.</p>	<p>I am advised: The Department of Customer Service (DCS) undertook an open-market procurement process in accordance with NSW Government procurement manual in establishing the All-of-Government panel for End User Devices and Services. The due diligence checks include compliance to applicable NSW Government policies such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplier Code of Conduct - https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/supplier-code-of-conduct • NSW Government Procurement Policy, https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/procurement-policy-framework • NSW Government Small and Medium Enterprise and Regional Procurement Policy - https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/sme-and-regional-procurement-policy • NSW Aboriginal Procurement Policy- https://www.info.buy.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/aboriginal-procurement-policy and • Applicable legislation and standards such as NSW Work Health and Safety Regulation 2017, NSW Workplace Injury Management and Workers Compensation Act 1998, and Modern Slavery Act 2018 NSW.
146	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	What policies and procedures are used to ensure that procurement is ethical and meets community standards?	<p>I am advised: See response to supplementary question 145.</p>

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147	Ms Abigail Boyd MLC	If products are procured from Hewlett Packard (meaning any business representing the Hewlett Packard brand), what probity checks have been done to investigate whether HP is involved in the 'plausible genocide' taking place in Gaza?	I am advised: See response to supplementary question 145.

Average cost per child \$'000	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
	Jan-Jun 23 Average	Aug23-Jan24 Average	Nov23- Jan24 Average
ACA	1020.57	881.00	842.65
IPA	822.61	893.00	824.09
STEP	927.60	873.85	863.92
Special Care	1026.40	805.52	763.75

Table S26: Children and young people who have had their case management transferred from DCJ to NGOs

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	96	54	321
Non-Aboriginal	96	96	435
Total	192	150	756

Notes:

1. These are not the unique count of children. If a child/young person have multiple case management transfers during the period, they will be counted more than once in this instance.
2. 2. NGOs include Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and non-Aboriginal NGOs.
3. 3. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S27: Children and young people who have had their case management transferred from NGOs to DCJ

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	12	<18	59
Non-Aboriginal	12	<5	31
Total	24	18	90

Notes:

1. These are not the unique count of children. If a child/young person have multiple case management transfers during the period, they will be counted more than once in this instance.
2. NGOs include Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCOs) and non-Aboriginal NGOs.
3. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.
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Source: ChildStory

Table S35a S36a S37a S38a: Children and young people in out-of-home care by case plan goal and Aboriginality, as at 30 June 2023

Aboriginality	Case plan goal				Long Term Care	Total CYP aged 0-17 years
	Adoption	Guardianship	Restoration			
Aboriginal	14	398	360		4,741	6,563
Non-Aboriginal	205	448	447		5,691	8,160
Total	219	846	807		10,432	14,723

Note:

1. The cohort of young people are aged 0-17 years in OOHC is higher than sum of children with case plan goals because not all children require a case plan and a small proportion had missing goals.
2. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory

Table S35b S36b S37b S38b: Children and young people in out-of-home care by case plan goal and age, as at 30 June 2023

Age as at 30 June	Case plan goal				Long Term Care	Total CYP aged 0-17 years
	Adoption	Guardianship	Restoration			
0	0	<5	42		18	289
1	6	9	73		162	453
2	12	26	67		255	539
3	22	35	46		285	530
4	24	51	61		394	665
5	19	47	53		415	657
6	19	66	52		514	786
7	16	64	57		542	811
8	14	48	49		662	897
9	14	75	56		678	949

10	11	77	48	777	1,023
11	15	73	47	755	986
12	16	74	37	760	1,000
13	10	66	44	808	1,057
14	6	45	20	809	999
15	<5	46	29	865	1,059
16	10	27	17	887	1,054
17	<5	<5	9	846	969
Total	219	846	807	10,432	14,723

Notes:

1. The cohort of young people are aged 0-17 years in OOHC is higher than sum of children with case plan goals because not all children require a case plan and a small proportion had missing goals.
2. Cells with small values (<5) have been suppressed to maintain client confidentiality. The second smallest values are also suppressed when they can be calculated.

Source: ChildStory

Table S35c S36c S37c S38c: Children and young people in out-of-home care by case plan goal and gender, as at 30 June 2023

Gender	Case plan goal				Total CYP aged 0-17 years
	Adoption	Guardianship	Restoration	Long Term Care	
Female	104	399	382	4,946	6,975
Male	115	447	417	5,440	7,677
Other	0	0	8	46	71
Total	219	846	807	10,432	14,723

Source: ChildStory

Table S42a - S42e: Children and young people who entered out-of-home care by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	240	151	898
Non-Aboriginal	247	224	1,072
Total	487	375	1,970

Note: Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory

Table S42f(a): Children and young people who entered out-of-home care by age

Age at entry	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
0	101	79	Data not available
1	39	21	
2	33	23	
3	31	7	
4	24	23	
5	24	21	
6	26	13	
7	18	15	
8	18	7	
9	12	15	
10	16	20	
11	7	12	

12	11	11	
13	19	16	
14	26	23	
15	26	23	
16	35	26	
17	21	20	
Total	487	375	

Source: ChildStory

Table S42f(b): Children and young people who entered out-of-home care by gender

Gender	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Female	233	181	Data not available
Male	239	184	
Other	15	10	
Total	487	375	

Note: Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.

Source: ChildStory

Table S43a - S43e: Children and young people who exited out-of-home care by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	278	270	1,041
Non-Aboriginal	441	373	1,581
Total	719	643	2,622

Note: Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory

Table S43f(a): Children and young people who exited out-of-home care by age

Age at exit	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
0	21	11	Data not available
1	17	20	
2	17	14	
3	11	19	
4	26	23	
5	28	19	
6	19	18	
7	24	13	
8	16	19	
9	19	14	
10	36	29	
11	21	24	

12	26	25
13	39	35
14	32	28
15	49	39
16	41	37
17	277	256
Total	719	643

Source: ChildStory

Table S43f(b): Children and young people who exited out-of-home care by gender

Gender	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Female	343	320	Data not available
Male	370	315	
Other	6	8	
Total	719	643	

Note: Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.

Source: ChildStory

Table S44a S44b S44d S44e: Children/Young People in foster care by Aboriginality, NSW

	30 Sep 2023	31 Dec 2023
Aboriginal	2,336	2,278
Non-Aboriginal	3,190	3,114
Total	5,526	5,392

Notes:

1. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".
2. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory - CIW Production extracted on 13/03/2024

Table S44f: Children/Young People in foster care by age and gender, NSW

Age As At End of Period	30 Sep 2023				31 Dec 2023			
	Female	Male	Other	Total	Female	Male	Other	Total
0	64	84	6	154	65	84	<5	152
1	90	107	0	197	88	92	<5	183
2	104	139	<5	244	86	136	0	222
3	113	127	0	240	116	129	0	245
4	129	153	0	282	113	135	0	248
5	115	143	<5	259	126	149	<5	276
6	128	156	0	284	120	163	0	283
7	142	165	0	307	142	166	0	308
8	164	169	0	333	158	166	0	324
9	172	189	0	361	159	178	0	337
10	178	208	<5	387	177	198	<5	376
11	186	224	0	410	179	210	0	389
12	185	181	0	366	180	186	0	366
13	189	207	0	396	189	187	<5	377
14	172	183	<5	356	171	173	0	344
15	155	177	<5	333	151	191	<5	344
16	155	179	<5	336	155	175	<5	332
17	118	161	<5	281	121	162	<5	286
Total	2,559	2,952	15	5,526	2,496	2,880	16	5,392

Notes:

1. Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.
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Source: ChildStory - CIW Production extracted on 13/03/202

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Table S45a S45b S45d S45e: Children/Young People in residential care by Aboriginality, NSW

	30 Sep 2023	31 Dec 2023
Aboriginal	344	342
Non-Aboriginal	532	527
Total	876	869

Notes:

1. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".
2. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory - CIW Production extracted on 13/03/2024

Table S45f: Children/Young People in residential care by age and gender, NSW

Age as the end of the period	30 Sep 2023				31 Dec 2023			
	Female	Male	Other	Total	Female	Male	Other	Total
0 - 9 years	33	54	0	87	37	51	0	88
10 - 17 years	339	423	27	789	336	419	26	781
Total	372	477	27	876	373	470	26	869

Notes:

1. Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.
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Source: ChildStory - CIW Production extracted on 13/03/2024

Table S46f(a): Children and young people entered residential care by age at entry

Age at entry (Grouped)	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
0 - 9 years	<5	<5	14
10 - 17 years	<25	<45	118
Total	25	45	132

Note: Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S46f(b): Children and young people who entered residential care by gender

Gender	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Female	<11	23	64
Male	14	<22	<67
Other	<5	<5	<5
Total	25	45	132

Notes:

1. Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.
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3. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S47a - S47e: Children and young people who exited residential care by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	29	34	121
Non-Aboriginal	47	43	156
Total	76	77	277

Notes:

1. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".
2. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S47f(a): Children and young people exited residential care by age at exit

Age at exit (Grouped)	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
0 - 9 years	<5	<5	9
10 - 17 years	75	74	268
Total	76	77	277

Note: Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S47f(b): Children and young people who exited residential care by gender

Gender	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Female	<35	<40	<130
Male	45	39	148
Other	<5	<5	<5
Total	76	77	277

Notes:

1. Other gender include intersex or indeterminate, non-binary, trans female, trans male or unknown.
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3. Data were extracted from the CIW production environment extracted on 14/03/2024 which is a dynamic environment updated on a daily basis. Therefore, these data cannot be exactly reproduced.

Source: ChildStory

Table S49a - S49e: Children and young people who were on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	As at 30 September 2023	As at 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	1,257	1,260
Non-Aboriginal	2,204	2,182
Total	3,461	3,442

Notes:

1. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory

Table S49f: Children and young people who were on Guardianship Orders by age

Age at exit	As at 30 September 2023	As at 31 December 2023
0	6	<5
1	16	<20
2	42	37
3	48	51
4	92	84
5	127	132
6	153	137
7	172	173
8	199	190
9	194	217
10	249	240
11	262	259
12	292	293
13	307	305
14	310	315
15	364	359
16	326	334
17	302	294
Total	3,461	3,442

Source: ChildStory

Table S50a - S50e: Children and young people who were adopted by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	0	<5	5
Non-Aboriginal	16	<25	66
Total	16	25	71

Notes:

1. Cells with small values (<5) have been suppressed to maintain client confidentiality. The second smallest values are also suppressed when they can be calculated.

Source: ChildStory

Table S53a - S53e: Children and young people who were restored by Aboriginality

Aboriginality	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
Aboriginal	36	36	159
Non-Aboriginal	82	57	273
Total	118	93	432

Notes:

1. Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory

Table S53f: Children and young people who were restored by age

Age at exit	1 July to 30 September 2023	1 October to 31 December 2023	1 January to 31 December 2023
0	9	6	25
1	7	8	31
2	8	10	36
3	<5	7	21
4	12	8	44
5	9	7	33
6	6	8	29
7	11	<5	27
8	5	6	23
9	8	<5	26
10	13	7	34
11	10	<5	25
12	<5	6	18
13	5	<5	23
14	<5	<5	13
15	5	<5	14
16	<5	<5	<10
17	<5	0	<5
Total	118	93	432

Note. Cells with small values (<5) have been suppressed to maintain client confidentiality. The second smallest values are also suppressed when they can be calculated.

Source: ChildStory

Table S112: Children/Young People in out-of-home care by Aboriginality, NSW, as at 30 June

	30 June 2020	30 June 2021	30 June 2022	30 June 2023
Aboriginal	6,688	6,829	6,661	6,563
Non-Aboriginal	9,472	9,066	8,562	8,160
Total	16,160	15,895	15,223	14,723

Note:

Non-Aboriginal include CYP whose Aboriginal status is unknown or "Not stated".

Source: ChildStory - CIW annual data

S114(a) - Targeted Earlier Intervention response:

	2021-22	2022-23 ²	2023-24
	\$'s	\$'s	\$'s
TEI Funding ¹	\$164 million	\$172 million	\$187 million
% of TEI expenditure by ACCO's ²	6.7%		7.2%
Number of individual clients who identify as Aboriginal who accessed the TEI program ACCO CYP ³	20,212	26,091	

1. The total funding received by all TEI providers

2. There was no data reported for financial year 2022/2023 in regard to % of funding received by ACCOs.

3. The number of individual clients who identify as Aboriginal who accessed the TEI program in financial year 2023/2024 is not yet available.

S114 (b & c) Family Preservation ACCO share of funding and % of Aboriginal clients in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24

	Total Funding	ACCO Funding	ACCO % of Funding	Aboriginal Clients
Family Preservation Program				
2021/2022	\$137,492,235	\$12,591,314	9%	3,602 (or 37.2%)
2022/2023	\$142,609,966	\$13,435,299	9%	3,695 (or 36.7%)
2023/2024	\$154,893,658	\$15,076,823	10%	Not available

Note: Funding for the 2023/24 is a point in time and subject to change.

S114 (d) Permanency Support Program (PSP) 2021-22 to 2023-24 YTD

	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 YTD
	\$'s	\$'s	\$'s ²
PSP expenditure ¹	\$831,500,696	\$910,990,227	\$743,153,817
ACCO expenditure ³	\$115,884,559	\$120,123,862	\$100,165,241
% of PSP expenditure by ACCOs	14%	13%	13%
ACCO CYP ⁴	4,755	4,846	4,592

1. \$'s are (PSP) Program spend in the Financial Year (FY) from DCJ Contract Management System (COMS). These \$'s may include some payments and reconciliation adjustments for previous years. Excludes Complex Needs payments.

2. Year to Date spend from DCJ Contract Management System (COMS) to 13/3/2024

3. PSP spend in the FY by Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO's)

4. No of Aboriginal CYP that received a service in the PSP program in the Financial Year (FY)

Table S122a. Number of babies removed or entered OOOHC in their first two weeks of life, by time of removal, in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and from 1 July 2023 to 31 Dec 2024

	2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			July 2023 to December 2023		
	Aboriginal	non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	non-Aboriginal	Total
At birth	14	26	40	23	29	52	24	24	48	18	20	38	9	9	18
Within 1-3 days after birth	44	51	95	46	54	100	57	47	104	39	50	89	13	18	31
Within 4-7 days after birth	17	26	43	22	33	55	13	24	37	18	20	38	6	10	16
Within 8-14 days after birth	9	13	22	14	13	27	9	23	32	12	13	25	6	7	13
Total	84	116	200	105	129	234	103	118	221	87	103	190	34	44	78

Notes:

1. This table includes babies who:

- a. either entered out-of-home care, or had the following legal orders started within the financial year: Assumption of Care Responsibility S44, Removal S43(1); and
- b. the length of time between their date of birth and the order start date/out-of-home care entry date is less than or equal to 14 days

2. Time of removal is calculated by the calendar days between babies' date of birth and order start date or out-of-home care entry date, whichever is earlier. For example, if a child was born on 3 July 2022, had a removal order on 3 July 2022, and entered out-of-home care on 10 July 2022, the child is counted as removed at birth.

3. Non-Aboriginal includes Aboriginal status unknown or not stated.

Source: ChildStory

Table S122b. Number of babies removed in their first two weeks of life, by Aboriginality and DCJ cluster, in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23, and from 1 July 2023 to 31 Dec 2024

District cluster	2019-20			2020-21			2021-22			2022-23			July 2023 to Dec 2023
	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	Aboriginal	Non-Aboriginal	Total	
Hunter and Central Coast District	14	12	26	13	12	25	16	14	30	13	13	26	10
Murrumbidgee, Far West and Western NSW District	13	8	21	21	11	32	23	11	34	18	12	30	9
Illawarra Shoalhaven and Southern NSW District	7	11	18	14	11	25	5	13	18	5	16	21	9
Northern NSW, Mid North Coast District & New England District	12	15	27	13	8	21	16	8	24	8	7	15	7
Western Sydney and Nepean Blue Mountains District	21	26	47	15	37	52	26	27	53	14	21	35	20
Sydney, South Eastern and Northern Sydney District	8	16	24	15	24	39	9	23	32	12	10	22	8
South Western Sydney District	9	20	29	14	26	40	8	22	30	17	23	40	15
Statewide Services District	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<5	<5	0
Total	84	116	200	105	129	234	103	118	221	87	103	190	78

Note:

In 2019-20, the district cluster reflects where the child/young person's case plan is held at the end of the period. From 2020-21, the District reflects where the child/young person's case plan is held when the child/young person was removed or entered OOHC.

Source: ChildStory