



Reunification of children with parents: figures revealed

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QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Mr Wakeling (Liberal - Shadow Minister for Child Protection) to ask the Minister for Child Protection —

In relation to the new model of kinship care initiative in the 2018/19 budget:

- (1) How many children have been reunified safely with their families.
- (2) How many dedicated kinship care workers have been recruited or appointed.
- (3) How many children were transitioned from residential care to kinship care in 2018/19.
- (4) How many Aboriginal children were transitioned from residential care to kinship care in 2018/19.

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- (1) In 2018-19, there were 3,343 episodes where a child or young person was reunified, of which 2,269 were in kinship care placements.
- (2) In 2018-19, all 36 dedicated kinship workers were appointed. The 2019-20 State Budget provided ongoing funding for these positions.
- (3) In 2018-19, 77 children transitioned from residential to kinship care.
- (4) Of the 77 children, 29 Aboriginal children transitioned from residential to kinship care in 2018-19

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