

CHILD PROTECTION — PROTECTION ORDERS

450. Hon Colin de Grussa to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Child Protection:
For the years 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 to date, can the Minister please provide:

- (a) the number of children who were or are under a protection order, until 18 years of age, as set out in section 57 of the *Children and Community Services Act 2004*;
- (b) the number of section 57 protection orders, until 18 years of age, which were revoked for those years and the age of each child at the time the order was revoked; and
- (c) the number of section 57 protection orders, until 18 years of age, which ‘lapsed’ due to the child reaching 18 years of age for those years?

Hon Sue Ellery replied:

Due to an upgrade of the Department of Communities (Child Protection and Family Support division) child protection information system, data relating to protection orders is not available retrospectively for 2010 and 2011.

- (a) On 30 June 2012 there were 1 756 children on a protection order (until 18).
On 30 June 2013 there were 1 966 children on a protection order (until 18).
On 30 June 2014 there were 2 207 children on a protection order (until 18).
On 30 June 2015 there were 2 465 children on a protection order (until 18).
On 30 June 2016 there were 2 678 children on a protection order (until 18).
On 30 September 2017 there were 2 951 children on a protection order (until 18).
- (b) During 2011–12 there were 68 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 63 were replaced with another order. The 68 children by age group were as follows:
 - 1 child was less than one year old;
 - 9 children were aged one to four years;
 - 27 children were aged five to nine years;
 - 20 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
 - 11 children were aged 15 to 17 years.During 2012–13 there were 71 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 50 were replaced with another order. The 71 children by age group were as follows:
 - 11 children were aged one to four years;
 - 28 children were aged five to nine years;
 - 22 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
 - 10 children were aged 15 to 17 years.During 2013–14 there were 54 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 40 were replaced with another order. The 54 children by age group were as follows:
 - 8 children were aged one to four years;
 - 20 children were aged five to nine years;
 - 19 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
 - 7 children were aged 15 to 17 years.During 2014–15 there were 55 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 47 were replaced with another order. The 55 children by age group were as follows:
 - 9 children were aged one to four years;
 - 23 children were aged five to nine years;
 - 15 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
 - 8 children were aged 15 to 17 years.During 2015–16 there were 72 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 51 were replaced with another order. The 72 children by age group were as follows:
 - 15 children were aged one to four years;
 - 26 children were aged five to nine years;

23 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
8 children were aged 15 to 17 years.

During 2016–17 there were 62 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 52 were replaced with another order. The 62 children by age group were as follows:

9 children were aged one to four years;
18 children were aged five to nine years;
27 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
8 children were aged 15 to 17 years.

During 2017–18 year to date (until 31 October 2017) there were 23 protection orders (until 18) revoked, of which 21 were replaced with another order. The 23 children by age group were as follows:

6 children were aged one to four years;
10 children were aged five to nine years;
6 children were aged 10 to 14 years; and
1 child was aged 15 to 17 years.

- (c) During 2011–12 there were 117 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2012–13 there were 133 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2013–14 there were 143 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2014–15 there were 124 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2015–16 there were 178 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2016–17 there were 165 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).
During 2017–18 year to date (until 31 October 2017) there were 44 children that reached 18 years of age on a protection order (Until 18).