

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

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C9. I refer to question prior Goiran 8 response b), is the child safety investigation opened in relation to the child who has been charged or convicted of the offence, the victim, or other children in contact with the alleged offender?

Answer

The Department of Communities (Communities) conducts Child Safety Investigations (CSI) to investigate allegations of abuse. The purpose of the CSI is to assess harm or likelihood of harm to a child as a result of the abuse, a parent's capacity to protect that child, and whether that child is in need of protection. Where this is the case, a CSI would be opened for an alleged or convicted offender if they are a child, as well as each child exposed.

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C27. I refer to pages 520 and 521, spending changes in relation to the increased budget for ongoing initiatives relating to child protection delivery of services.

How many new case workers have been employed in this financial year?

Answer

For the 2021-22 financial year, the Department of Communities employed new 185.7 FTE caseworkers.

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