

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates
10 June 2025

PORTFOLIO: CHILDREN

Witnesses:

- Hon. Lizzie Blandthorn MP
- Peta McCammon
- Jenny Atta
- Anthony Bates

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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Available data on abuse?

Name of Committee member asking question: Jade Benham MP

Excerpt from transcript, p.9:

Peta McCAMMON: I would reference the CCYP annual report. We are required under the Act for all our CIMS reports – CIMS reports are where we get a notification of an incident, and then there is a requirement for providers to do an investigation. We provide all of those to the CCYP. They review those, and they publish in their annual report – I am just looking at it now – more detail, which includes sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, so that is in their annual report.

Jade BENHAM: Can you just give me the numbers?

Lizzie BLANDTHORN: It is publicly available in the annual report.

Jade BENHAM: But I have not got the annual report in front of me.

Lizzie BLANDTHORN: Then you can – it is a publicly available document.

Jade BENHAM: The breakdown of sexual abuse is not publicly available.

Lizzie BLANDTHORN: The CCYP annual report is an available document that you will be able to look at those numbers in.

Peta McCAMMON: I am looking at 2023–24 – sexual abuse was 342; sexual exploitation was 190.

Jade BENHAM: What about the first quarter of this year?

Peta McCAMMON: I do not have the detailed breakdown by quarter. What I do have is what was the annual figure from 2023–24.

Jade BENHAM: What we are actually after is the quarterly breakdown for this year. Is that available?

Peta McCAMMON: I do not have it here with me, but I am happy to take that away and see what we can provide.

RESPONSE

Answer:

Details on quarterly incident reporting can be found at:

<https://www.dffh.vic.gov.au/publications/quarterly-incident-data>.

- All key information from incident reports involving a child or young person in out-of-home care are provided to the Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP) to fulfill the Secretary's requirements under section 60A of the Commission for Children and Young People Act 2012.

The Commission for Children and Young People Annual Report can be found at: <https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/about-us/annual-reports/#TOC-1>