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## Responding to child and young person concern reports



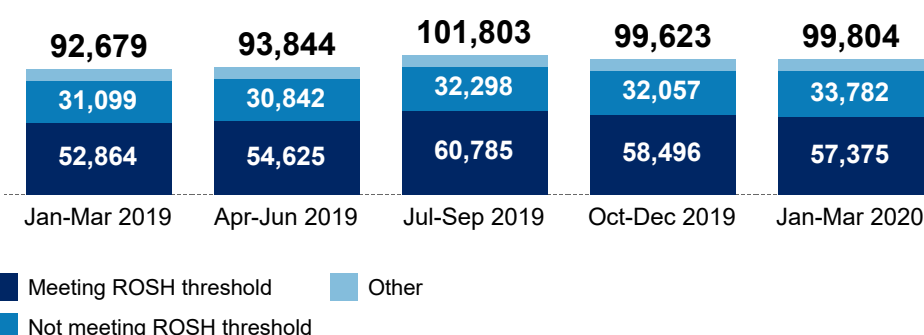
**Child and young person concern reports** received from reporter agencies and how these reports were classified

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Helpline Assessment Outcome  
All

Chart 1: Child and young person **concern reports**



A total of **99,804** child and young person concern reports were received in the January to March 2020 quarter. Of these concern reports reported in the quarter,

- **57.5%** met the risk of significant harm (ROSH) threshold,
- **33.8%** were assessed as not meeting the ROSH threshold, and
- **8.7%** were classified as other.



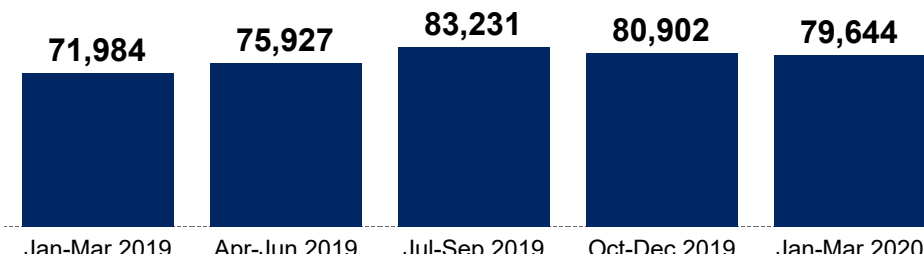
What were the **primary Helpline assessed issues** reported from **mandatory reporter** agencies?

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue  
All

Chart 2: Child and young person **concern reports** from mandatory reporters



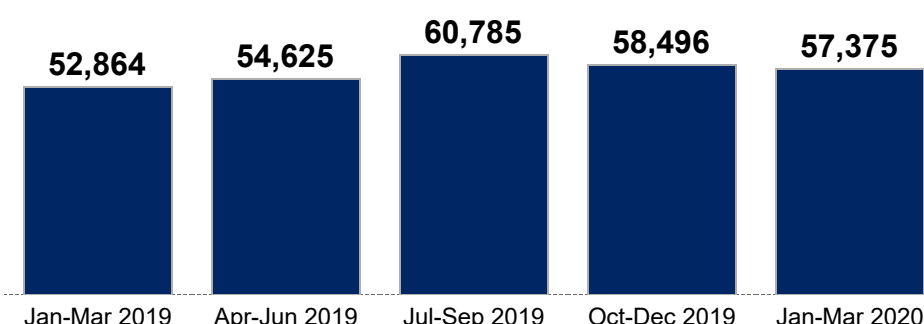
The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received **79,644** child and young person concern reports in the January to March 2020 quarter.



Assessment of child and young person concern reports to determine if they meet the **statutory ROSH threshold**

Primary Helpline Assessed Issue  
All

Chart 3: **ROSH reports** by primary reported/Helpline assessed issue



There were **57,375** ROSH reports in the January to March 2020 quarter. This is equivalent to a decrease of **1.9%** from the previous quarter.



Compared with the same quarter last year of **52,864**, this represents a growth of **8.5%**.



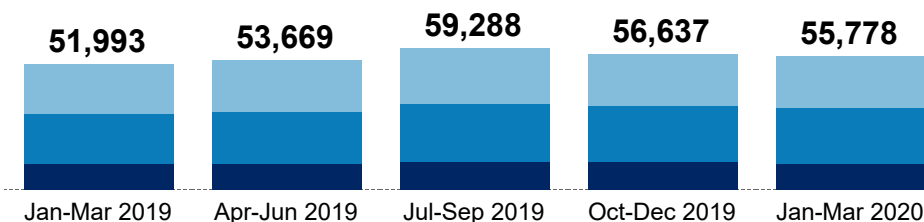
Determining a response time for **ROSH reports** from mandatory and non-mandatory reporters

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Response Priority\*  
All

Chart 4: **ROSH reports** by response priority\*



Of the 57,375 ROSH reports reported to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline in this quarter,

- 10,537** reports were classified as requiring a response in 24 hours
- 23,454** reports were classified as requiring a response in 72 hours
- 21,787** reports were classified as requiring a response in 10 days.

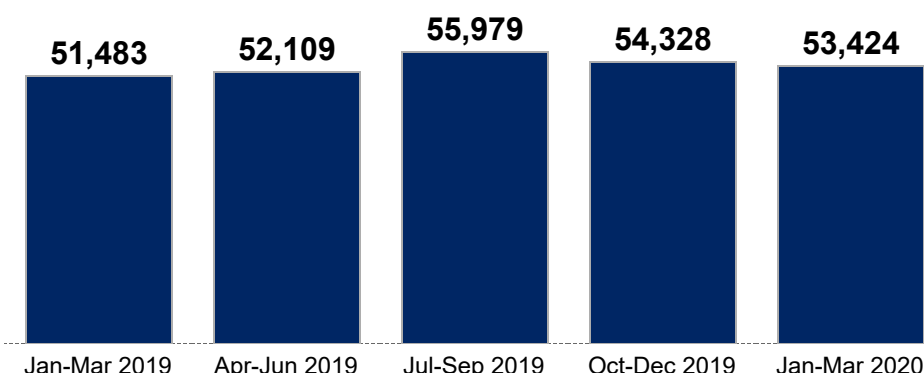
■ < 10 days ■ < 72 hours ■ < 24 hours

\* This excludes other/NA response priorities.



How many **children and young people** were involved in child and young person **concern reports**?

Chart 5: **Children and young people** involved in concern reports



There were **53,424** children and young people involved in concern reports in the January to March 2020 quarter, a decrease of **1.7%** from the previous quarter.



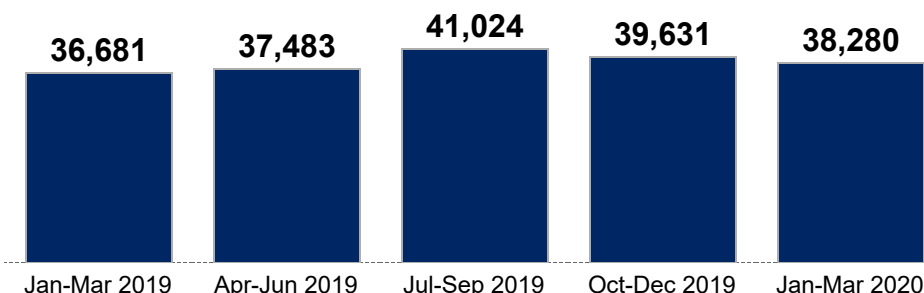
Compared with the same quarter last year of **51,483**, this is an increase of **3.8%**.



How many **children and young people** were involved in **ROSH reports**?

Aboriginality  
(All)

Chart 6: **Children and young people** involved in ROSH reports by Aboriginality



A total of **38,280** children and young people involved in ROSH reports in the January to March 2020 quarter. This translates to a decline of **3.4%** from the previous quarter.



When compared with the same quarter in the previous year of **36,681**, this is an increase of **4.4%** or **1,599** children and young people.

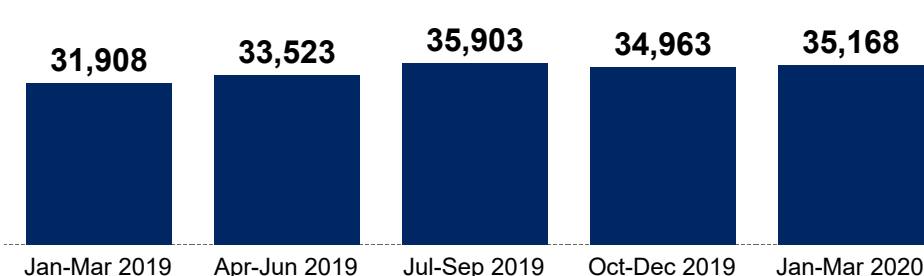


Child and young person **contacts** by mandatory reporters to the DCJ Child Protection Helpline

Reporter Agency  
All

Reporter Type  
All

Chart 7: Child and young person concern **contacts** by mandatory reporters



The DCJ Child Protection Helpline received **35,168** child and young person contacts in the January to March 2020 quarter. This represents an increase of **0.6%** or **205** contacts, when compared with the previous quarter. Compared with the same quarter last year of **31,908**, this is an increase of **10.2%** or **3,260** contacts.

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## Keeping children and young people safe

### Children and young people entering care during the quarter

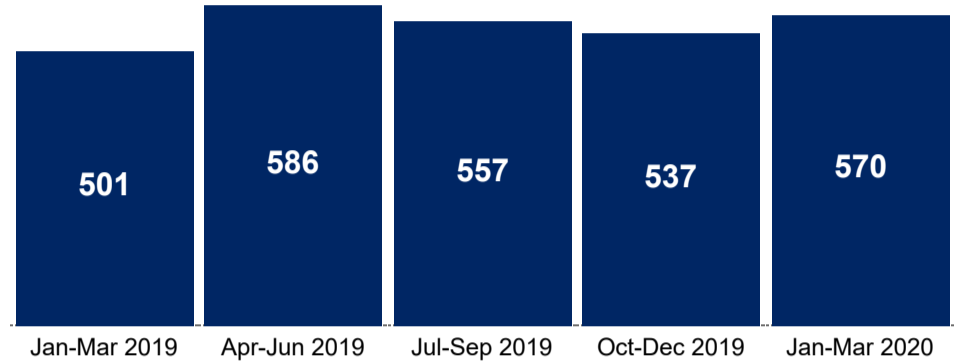


A total of **570** children and young people entered OOHC<sup>7</sup> in the January to March 2020 quarter. This translates to a rise of **6.1%** or **33** children and young people, when compared with the previous quarter.

When compared with the same quarter last year of **501** children and young people entering care, this is an increase of **13.8%** or **69** children and young people.

Age at entry  
All

Chart 1: Children and young people entering OOHC<sup>7</sup> by age at entry



### How many children and young people exited OOHC<sup>7</sup> during the quarter?

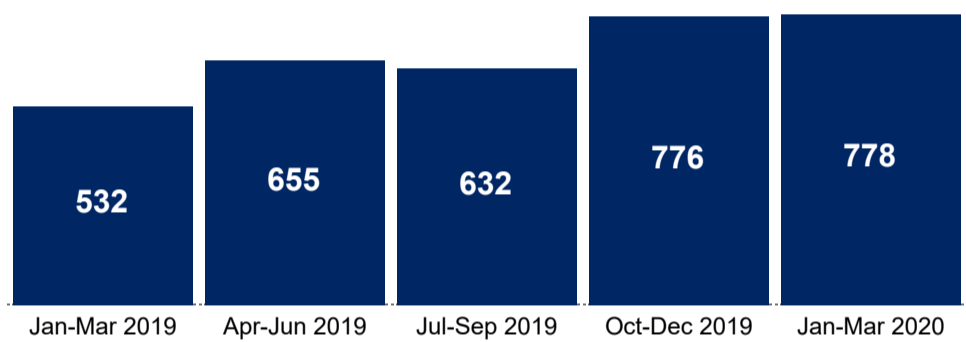


There were **778** children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup> in the January to March 2020 quarter. This is comparable to the result of the previous quarter.

Compared with the same quarter last year of **532** children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup>, this is an increase of **46.2%** or **246** children and young people.

Age at exit  
All

Chart 2: Children and young people exiting OOHC<sup>7</sup> by age at exit



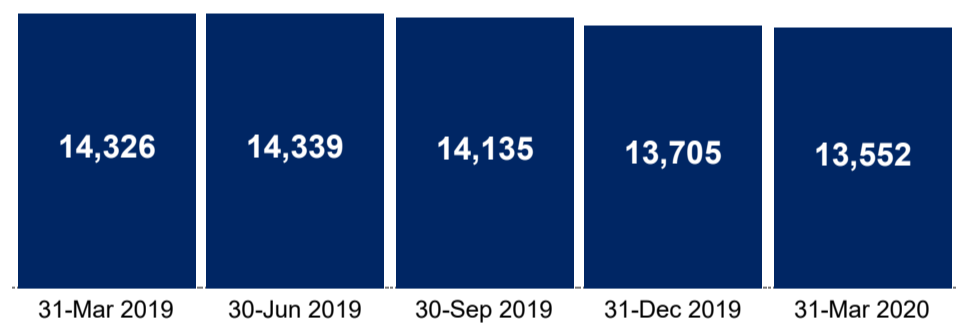
### Children and young people in need of care and protection by placement provider

There were **13,552** children and young people in statutory OOHC<sup>7</sup> at 31 March 2020. Of these 13,552 children, **42.0%** or **5,697** were Aboriginal children and young people.

Aboriginality  
All

Placement provider  
All

Chart 3: Children and young people in statutory OOHC<sup>7</sup> by Aboriginality and placement provider at quarter end



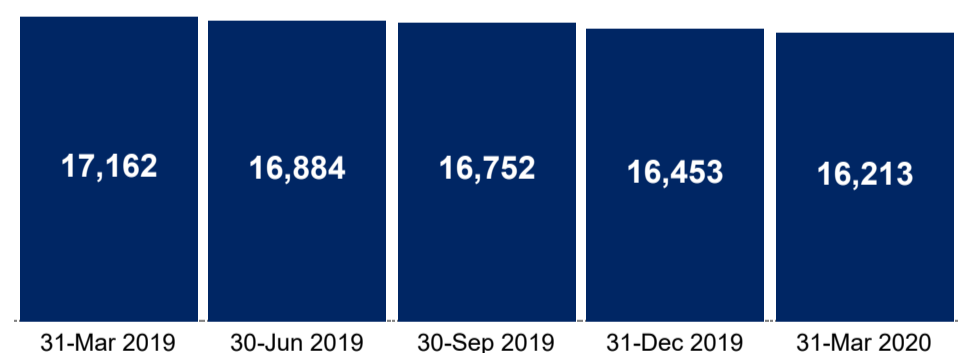
### Placement of children and young people in need of care and protection



At 31 March 2020, a total of **16,213** children and young people were in OOHC<sup>7</sup>. This means a decrease of **5.5%**, when compared with **17,162** reported at the same quarter end last year.

Placement Type  
All

Chart 4: Children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> by placement type at quarter end



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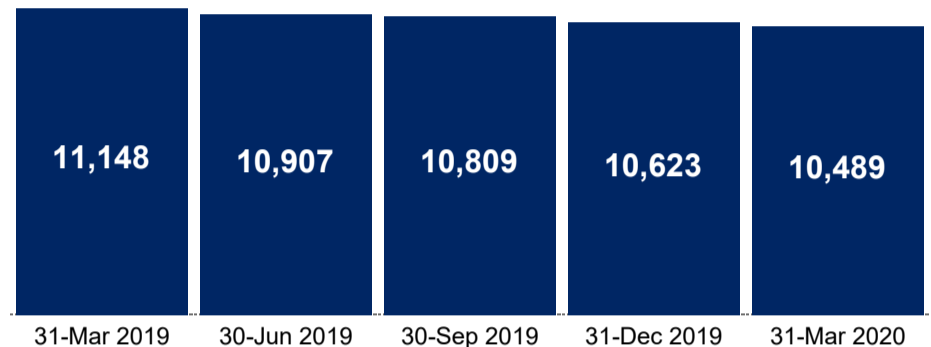
## Stable and nurturing environments for children and young people

### Better placements and matching for children and young people in care

At 31 March 2020, there were **10,489** children and young people in OOHC with fewer than three placements.

This is equivalent to a decrease of **1.3%** or **134** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Chart 1: Children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> with fewer than three placements at quarter end



### Alternate permanent placement solutions for children and young people in need of care and protection

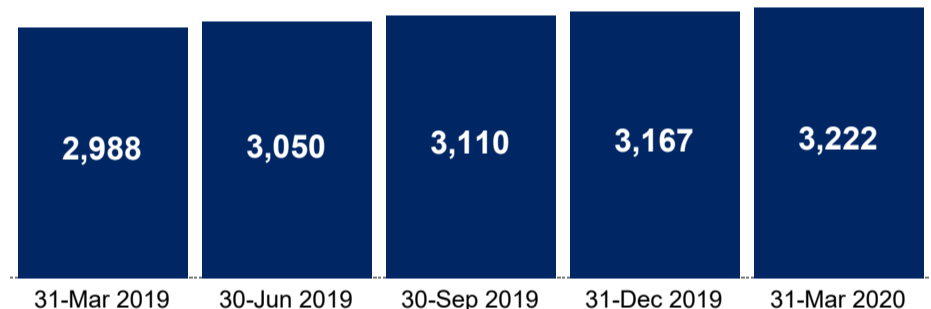
A total of **3,222** children and young people were on Guardianship Orders at 31 March 2020.

This is equivalent to an increase of **1.7%** or **55** children and young people from the end of the previous quarter.

Age group  
All

Aboriginality  
All children and young people

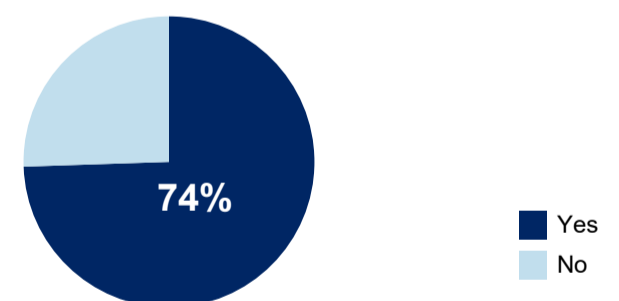
Chart 2: Number of children and young people on Guardianship Orders by Aboriginality and age group



### Placement of Aboriginal children and young people with extended family

At 31 March 2020, **74%** of Aboriginal children and young people in care were placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer.

Chart 3: Aboriginal children and young people in OOHC<sup>7</sup> placed with a relative or an Aboriginal carer - 31 March 2020



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