

Senate Community Affairs Committee
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Question No: 106

Topic: Homelessness

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Senator Payne asked:

Following up on the answer to question on notice no. 95- you will see in the table that there is a significant drop in the number of young people assisted in group work between 2007-08 and 2008-09. It goes to 7,146, which is a pretty low level over the last five years. Has the department done any analysis of why that is the case? Have they gone somewhere else?

Answer:

The department has undertaken a quality assurance check on the data collection system from which the group work figures were extracted. A technical error in the system was identified in relation to the migration from a paper based system to an electronic data collection system. This error resulted in 2,460 young people assisted in group work not being recorded. The updated figure for 2008-09 is 9,606.

Question on notice no. 95 has been amended with the revised figures based on the quality assurance check in the system.