

Select Committee into the Abbott Government's Budget Cuts: 16 October 2014

Questions on Notice – response from Anglicare NSW South, NSW West and ACT

Page 14, question from Senator Urquhart, taken on notice:

Senator URQUHART: *You talked about a lot of people not having the support of their family; do you have the statistics on that for the ACT, or from a national perspective?*

Ms Watson: *I do not currently have that in front of me, but I could take that on notice.*

The following are statistics for Youth Connections ACT regarding young people with Inadequate Family Support (IFS) or being in Out of Home Care (OOHC), for the life of Youth Connections.

Inadequate Family Support (IFS)* – Youth Connections ACT

School Years	Number of young people
2010	46
2011	52
2012	64
2013	47
2014 ≈	37

≈ at time of survey 2014 covers 3 school terms = 9 months

*Inadequate Family Support (IFS) means the young person needs additional supports that families would usually provide. This would include having a positive adult role model and care and support to assist them in their growth to independence, in areas such as: housing, transport, food, clothing, education support, a safe home environment, health support (which covers medical, drug issues and mental health), income (guidance on money matters and support in seeking employment), socialisation skills (which covers social development, interaction and inclusion), and self determination skills. This classification is not used when a young person is supported by Care and Protection or other statutory services.

Out of Home Care (OOHC)^ – Youth Connections ACT

School Years	Number of young people
2010	13
2011	9
2012	8
2013	4
2014 ≈	2

≈ at time of survey 2014 covers 3 school terms = 9 months

^ Foster care or residential care houses

