

APPENDIX 4

STATISTICS RELATING TO CHILDREN IN SUBSTITUTE CARE

Table 1: Number of Persons Adopted by State or Territory of Adoption Order, 1971-72 to 1983-84

	<i>N.S.W.</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>S.A.</i>	<i>W.A.</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>N.T.</i>	<i>A.C.T.</i>	<i>Aust.</i>
1971-72	4539	1768	1774	776	457	303	54	127	9798
1972-73	3315	1765	1678	649	717	268	29	121	8542
1973-74	1936	1557	1458	558	783	268	25	120	6705
1974-75	1799	1168	1394	551	528	243	33	123	5839
1975-76	1449	1032	1112	549	531	211	19	87	4990
1976-77	1770	908	1014	658	497	185	74	82	5188
1977-78	1068	951	660	506	417	164	46	55	3867
1978-79	1020	956	563	415	380	173	40	56	3603
1979-80	853	914	450	475	387	148	25	85	3337
1980-81	794	711	454	505	305	140	35	74	3018
1981-82	855	753	467	396	261	119	39	81	2971
1982-83	926	692	555	424	270	117	29	59	3072
1983-84	698	686	517	438	250	87	43	51	2770

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Adoptions Australia, 1982-83 and 1983-84*, Catalogue No. 4406.0, Canberra, May 1984 and May 1985.

Table 3: Children Under Guardianship Order and All Other Children^(a) in Residential Child Care Establishments: Sex and Age by Type of Operating Organisation, State and Territory, June 1984

	Type of operating organisation													Total	
	State/Territory welfare department						Private organisations						Total		
	Age (years)		Age (years)		Age (years)		Age (years)		Age (years)		Age (years)				
0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	Total	
New South Wales															
Children under guardianship order	9	71	282	304	666	—	—	41	17	58	9	71	323	321	724
males	1	23	110	93	227	—	2	17	12	31	1	25	127	105	258
females	2	6	28	37	73	29	170	350	165	714	31	176	378	202	787
All other children	1	4	19	17	41	45	134	307	158	644	46	138	326	175	685
Victoria															
Children under guardianship order	20	41	190	103	354	23	92	265	194	574	43	133	455	297	928
males	12	24	139	59	234	19	61	157	118	355	31	85	296	177	589
females	3	1	58	47	109	24	75	154	123	376	27	76	212	170	485
All other children	5	1	14	17	37	14	52	73	66	205	19	53	87	83	242
Queensland															
Children under guardianship order	3	14	35	61	113	12	65	192	47	316	15	79	227	108	429
males	3	1	25	22	51	19	52	81	11	163	22	53	106	33	214
females	—	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
All other children	—	—	—	—	—	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
South Australia															
Children under guardianship order	—	2	22	40	64	—	1	17	19	37	—	4	45	61	(b)110
males	—	1	6	4	11	—	7	14	19	40	—	8	27	24	(h)59
females	—	—	12	19	31	—	6	11	19	43	—	6	30	38	74
All other children	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	17	27	—	—	10	17	27
Western Australia															
Children under guardianship order	—	2	11	6	19	1	10	48	29	88	1	14	63	38	(c)116
males	—	2	9	10	21	3	4	37	26	70	3	7	48	40	(e)98
females	2	45	150	132	329	29	84	129	78	320	32	133	281	211	(d)657
All other children	1	31	85	72	189	27	53	103	70	253	28	88	193	144	(d)453
Tasmania															
Children under guardianship order	1	2	11	13	27	—	5	24	12	41	1	7	35	25	68
males	2	—	3	13	18	—	5	9	8	22	2	5	12	21	40
females	4	3	9	5	21	1	6	11	19	37	5	9	20	24	58
All other children	1	1	4	4	10	—	3	7	11	21	1	4	11	15	31
Northern Territory															
Children under guardianship order	—	—	2	1	3	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	4	1	5
males	—	—	1	2	3	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2	2	4
females	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
All other children	—	—	—	10	15	1	4	5	6	16	1	4	10	16	31
Australian Capital Territory															
Children under guardianship order	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	4	1	12	3	5	6	3	(e)17
males	—	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	1	11	3	2	5	3	(e)13
females	—	—	—	—	—	6	4	5	3	6	4	5	4	4	(d)26
All other children	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	4	11	3	1	3	9	(f)16

(a) Includes all children other than those under guardianship orders, whether subject to some order or not. (b) Includes 9 males and 8 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (c) Includes 9 males and 7 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (d) Includes 8 males and 11 females not under guardianship placed in establishments operated by State government departments other than the Department for Community Welfare. (e) Includes 5 males and 5 females under guardianship placed in establishments operated by government departments other than the Department of Territories. (f) Includes 2 males and 2 females not under guardianship placed in establishments operated by government departments other than the Department of Territories.

Table 4: Children Subject to Orders(a): Type of Placement, by State and Territory, June 1984 (Number)

Type of placement	State and Territory							Australia			
	N.S.W.	Vic.(b)	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.(c)	A.C.T.	Males	Females	Total
Residential child care establishments—											
Establishments for handicapped children	137	113	15	36	24	4	1	4	198	136	334
Establishments for other children—											
Family group homes	189	723	204	24	63	64	11	5	737	546	1,283
Campus homes	145	236	121	—	85	10	—	31	385	243	628
Juvenile hostels	61	150	42	26	65	5	—	1	224	126	350
Juvenile corrective institutions	409	169	106	31	99	27	14	15	722	148	870
Other homes for children	304	197	164	54	37	15	—	—	532	239	771
Total residential child care establishments	1,245	1,588	652	171	373	125	26	56	2,798	1,438	4,236
Other residential care establishments—											
Hospitals and nursing homes	58	n.a.	30	1	2	3	1	—	53	42	95
Boarding schools	18	n.a.	9	—	—	1	2	—	15	15	30
Prisons	—	(d)130	4	6	4	6	1	—	151	—	151
Residential adult care establishments	8	—	67	—	3	—	—	—	43	35	78
Total other residential care establishments	84	130	110	7	9	10	4	—	262	92	354
Foster care	3,083	2,768	1,547	678	692	256	62	54	4,942	4,198	9,140
Living with parent or other relative	2,747	1,080	2,018	802	1,012	332	39	228	5,816	2,442	8,258
Other adults care	182	14	118	73	124	19	3	—	301	232	533
Living independently	356	—	185	9	19	12	4	15	351	249	600
Unauthorised absence	29	5	36	10	7	6	—	2	61	34	95
Other placement	—	—	62	5	965	—	2	—	772	262	1,034
Total	7,726	5,585	4,728	1,755	3,201	760	140	355	15,303	8,947	24,250

(a) Includes a small number of adults. (b) Excludes persons in hospitals and nursing homes and those living independently. (c) Excludes persons not in residential care who are under orders for offence reasons. (d) Includes youth training centres.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Children in Care Australia, 1983-84 (Previously: Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care)*, Catalogue No. 4410.0, Canberra, June 1985.

Table 5: Children Under Guardianship, Australia by State and Territory, 1972 and 1982

<i>State and Territory of guardianship</i>	<i>1972</i>	<i>1982</i>	<i>Per cent</i>	<i>Rank order of achieved decrease</i>
N.S.W.	5 949	4 076	31	5
Vic.	7 236	3 788	48	3
Qld	4 601	4 268	7	7
S.A.	3 111	1 188	62	1
W.A.	4 907	2 331	52	2
Tas.	937	543	42	4
N.T.	n.a.	118	n.a.	n.a.
A.C.T.	105	83	21	6
Aust.	26 846	16 395	39	

Source: J. Carter, *Protection to Prevention: Child Welfare Policies*, SWRC Reports and Proceedings, No. 29, Social Welfare Research Centre, University of New South Wales, Sydney, January 1983; and Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, June 1982*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, July 1983.

Table 6: Children Placed Under Order(s): Reason for Order and Type of Order, by Sex, State and Territory, During Year Ended June 1984

<i>Reason for order</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1982-83</i>
New South Wales—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	224	238	462	517
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	1,165	57	1,222	1,357
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Victoria—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	359	287	646	707
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	66	10	76	82
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Queensland—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	364	359	723	664
All other orders	81	68	149	54
Offence—				
Guardianship order	324	39	363	487
All other orders	430	59	489	519
South Australia—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	224	203	427	399
All other orders	—	—	—	—
Offence—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	—
All other orders	1,038	156	1,194	1,251
Western Australia—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	95	74	169	198
All other orders	9	18	27	28
Offence—				
Guardianship order	4	1	5	6
All other orders	985	186	1,171	1,589

Table 6: Children Placed Under Orders^(a): Reason for Order and Type of Order, by Sex, State and Territory, During Year Ended June 1984 (Continued)

<i>Reason for order</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>1982-83</i>
Tasmania—				
Care/protection—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	n.a.
All other orders	20	23	43	n.a.
Offence—				
Guardianship order	—	—	—	n.a.
All other orders	224	52	276	n.a.
Northern Territory—				
Care/protection				
Guardianship order	50	51	101	93
All other orders	128	114	242	20
Offence—				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(a)22
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(a)11
Australian Capital Territory—				
Care/protection				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	20
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40
Offence—				
Guardianship order	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	101
All other orders	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	

(a) Includes a small number of adults.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Children in Care Australia, 1983-84* (Previously: *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care*), Catalogue No. 4410.0, Canberra, June 1985.

Table 7: Number of Children in Care by Reason for Admission, State and Territory, 1983

Reason for Admission	N.S.W.		Vic.		Qld		W.A.		Tas.		N.T.		Aust.			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Physical/Sensory	274	7.3	230	5.4	245	15.3	171	21.3	100	7.0	47	12.3	—	1 067	8.7	
Mental retardation	1302	34.7	949	22.4	499	31.2	210	26.2	229	16.0	66	17.3	6	10.3	3 261	26.6
Emotionally disturbed	158	4.2	32	.8	12	.7	46	5.7	82	5.7	—	—	—	330	2.7	
Remand/Correcional	657	17.5	363	8.6	186	11.6	110	13.7	97	6.8	46	12.0	23	39.7	1 482	12.1
Family/Social	1055	28.1	2641	62.4	525	32.8	200	24.9	861	60.2	173	45.3	29	50.0	5484	44.7
Illness	306	8.2	16	.4	131	8.2	55	6.8	38	2.7	50	13.1	—	596	4.9	
Information missing	—	—	4	.1	3	.2	11	1.3	23	1.6	—	—	—	41	0.3	
Total	3752	100	4235	100	1601	100	803	100	1430	100	382	100	58	100	12 261	100

Source: J. Ward and others, *A Review of Children in Residential Institutions Program—Report to the Commonwealth Schools Commission, Special Education Centre, School of Education, Macquarie University, Sydney, October 1984, p. 63.*

Table 8: Foster Homes in Use: Number of Children Fostered(a) by State and Territory, June 1982

State and Territory	Size of foster home: Number of fostered children in residence						Total foster homes in use
	1	2	3	4	5	6 and over	
New South Wales	1251	337	72	31	10	7	1708
Victoria	1571	329	83	21	3	3	2010
Queensland	815	282	100	47	12	11	1267
South Australia	992	244	55	27	11	3	1332
Western Australia	834	211	53	23	9	4	1134
Tasmania	155	36	5	1	—	1	198
Northern Territory	33	5	2	1	—	1	42
Australian Capital Territory	32	6	1	1	—	—	40
Australia	5683	1450	371	152	45	30	7731

(a) Includes those children for whom foster allowance is paid by State or Territory welfare department which in Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory is the only organisation paying a foster allowance. In other States, information on whether other government authorities and non-government organisations are paying foster allowance is not available.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, June 1982*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, July 1983.

Table 9: Children in Foster Care: Number by State and Territory of Placement, June 1980-June 1984

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1980	2804	1972	1714	1514	1795	308	95	50	10 252
1981	2471	2380	1687	1613	1710	240	89	46	10 236
1982	2753	2599	2005	1826	1382	252	62	51	10 930
1983	2713	2874	1905	689(a)	1348	250	73	64	9 916
1984	2816	2514	1992	678(a)	1387	254	62	54	9 757

(a) Possible deficiencies may exist in the figures for South Australia for 1983 and 1984 as not all foster children not subject to guardianship orders were counted in that State for these years.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care*, 1980-1982, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, November 1981, June 1982 and July 1983; and *Children in Care Australia, 1983-1984 (Previously: Persons under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care)*, Catalogue No. 4410.0, Canberra, June 1985.

Table 10: Children Under Guardianship in Foster Care: Number by State and Territory of Placement, June 1972-June 1982(a)

	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
1972	4438	629	1405	711	1342	n.a.	n.a.	56	8581
1973	4290	596	1467	740	1339	n.a.	n.a.	72	8504
1974	4417	586	1512	749	1565	390	n.a.	57	9276
1975	3776	559	1503	670	1668	390	n.a.	59	8625
1976	3597	502	1621	627	1247	311	n.a.	59	7964
1977	3214	425	1763	630	1763	289	n.a.	48	6369
1978	2779	351	1980	578	1153	276	n.a.	67	7184
1979	2763	600	1574	593	1087	253	n.a.	37	6907
1980	2431	567	1506	576	1073	251	56	38	6498
1981	2175	523	1448	599	921	228	71	35	6000
1982	2069	567	1537	618	824	240	59	37	5951

(a) Comparable statistics for 1983-84 are not available as some States no longer differentiate between guardianship orders and other orders.

Source: State Welfare Department Annual Reports 1972-78 and Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, 1979-82*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, June 1981, November 1981, June 1982 and July 1983.

Table 11: Residential Child Care Establishments Operated by State and Territory Welfare Departments: Size of Establishment, State and Territory of Location, June 1982 (Number of Establishments)

State and Territory of location	Size of establishment: Number of children in residence								Total establishments operating
	0-5	6-10	11-19	20-29	30-49	50-69	70-99	100 and over	
New South Wales	30	6	17	3	4	4	2	2	68
Victoria	61	10	3	1	1	1	2	2	81
Queensland	3	2	—	—	3	1	—	—	9
South Australia	5	5	2	1	—	1	—	—	14
Western Australia	14	4	5	4	7	—	—	—	34
Tasmania	12	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	18
Northern Territory	—	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	5
Australian Capital Territory	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Australia	126	35	30	9	15	7	4	4	230

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, June 1982*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, July 1983.

Table 12: Residential Child Care Establishments Operated by Non-Government Organisations(a): Size of Establishment, State and Territory of Location, June 1982 (Number of Establishments)

State and Territory of location	Size of establishment: Number of children in residence								Total establishments operating
	0-5	6-10	11-19	20-29	30-49	50-69	70-99	100 and over	
New South Wales	48	42	21	7	7	2	—	—	127
Victoria (b) (c)	144	67	5	1	3	2	1	—	223
Queensland (c)	44	29	6	3	—	1	—	—	83
South Australia	22	5	4	—	—	—	—	—	31
Western Australia	10	3	10	2	5	5	—	—	35
Tasmania	9	4	1	3	—	—	—	—	17
Northern Territory	—	8	—	—	—	—	—	—	8
Australian Capital Territory	2	2	—	—	2	—	—	—	6
Australia	279	160	47	16	17	10	1	—	530

(a) Establishments which have come to the notice of the welfare departments through either their placement of persons under guardianship in the establishments or through the licensing requirements of the legislation with respect to children's homes. Coverage may not be complete. (b) Size range is based on capacity rather than children in residence. (c) Licensed establishments only.

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, June 1982*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, July 1983.

Table 13: Children in Residential Care Establishments Operated by Non-Government Agencies: Type of Establishment, State and Territory of Location, June 1979 (Per cent)

Type of establishment	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Scattered family group home	11.6	31.5	21.6	16.0	23.2	29.0	23.3	25.9	21.9
Campus family group home	13.8	21.6	24.2	1.6	46.8	25.6	26.7	74.1	23.1
Hostel	6.3	7.5	6.0	9.7	7.3	2.8	0.0	0.0	6.6
Group care	9.6	6.8	32.0	11.9	6.5	25.6	50.0	0.0	12.1
Congregate care	39.3	24.9	7.4	49.1	9.6	17.0	0.0	0.0	25.4
Other	3.1	5.8	0.3	3.5	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4
Disabled children's establishment	16.3	1.9	8.5	8.2	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.5
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: G. Gregory and N. J. Smith, Children's Bureau of Australia, Particular Care, *The Report of the National Survey of Non-Government Children's Homes and Foster Care (Including Homes for Physically and Intellectually Handicapped Children)*, 30 June 1979, Children's Bureau of Australia, 1982.

Table 14: Children in Residential Child Care Establishments Operated by State and Territory Welfare Departments: Type of Establishment, State and Territory of Location, June 1982 (Per cent)

Type of establishment	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Disabled children's establishment	13.6	—	—	17.1	—	9.4	—	—	7.0
Other children's establishment—									
Family group home—									
Scattered	5.6	25.7	—	30.9	7.8	67.1	19.2	—	13.9
Clustered	—	6.9	—	—	5.0	—	—	—	2.6
Campus home	11.7	—	—	—	0.4	—	—	—	5.1
Juvenile hostel	4.2	2.0	2.6	5.3	8.6	—	—	—	4.1
Juvenile corrective institution	47.5	26.4	56.0	46.7	30.7	23.5	3.9	—	39.0
Congregate care home	17.4	39.0	41.4	—	47.5	—	76.9	—	28.3
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, *Persons Under Guardianship and Children in Substitute Care, Australia, June 1982*, Catalogue No. 4405.0, Canberra, July 1983.