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Senator Xenophon asked:

Can you provide what the statistics show and the level of research into the extent that mental health problems, substance abuse and family violence contribute to grandparents having to look after grandchildren?

Answer:

The Australian Institute of Family Studies has not undertaken research into this particular question.

According to a survey conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics in 2008-09, there were 16,000 families with a child under 18 years old that were headed by grandparents, representing 0.6 per cent of all families in Australia with a child under 18 years old.