

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2014**

Question

Further to the Minister's e-mail on 23rd January 2013, advising that that one of the victims but none of the alleged perpetrators involved the investigation into the grooming of young girls were in care at the time of the relevant time, will the Minister advise how many of the alleged victims and perpetrators interviewed/involved in Operation Vessel had been in care at some previous time in their lives?

As one of the child victims was in care at the time of the alleged offences, did the police have any discussions with the Children's Service?

Answer

The police do not hold information as to which children are in care or have been in care unless it is obvious from their address on contact with the police.

This was a multi-agency investigation and all children, whether in care or not, were referred to the Children's Service for assessment.