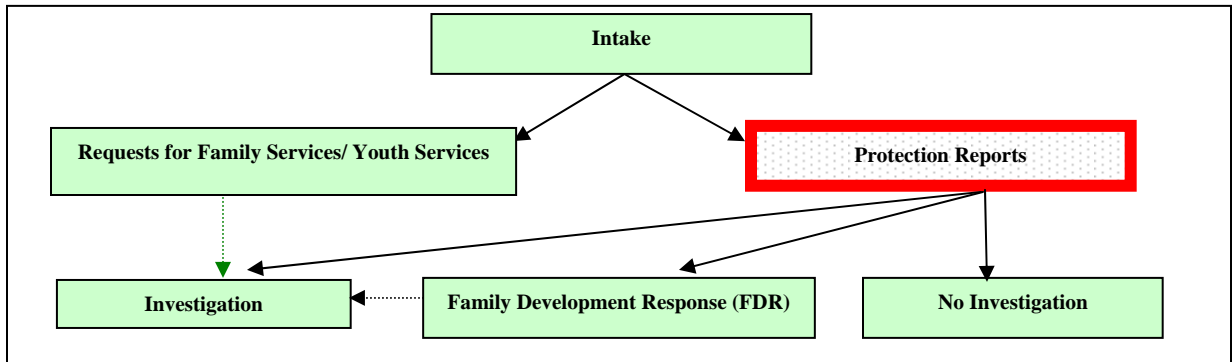


Open Protection Reports by Duration: March 1998 to March 2009

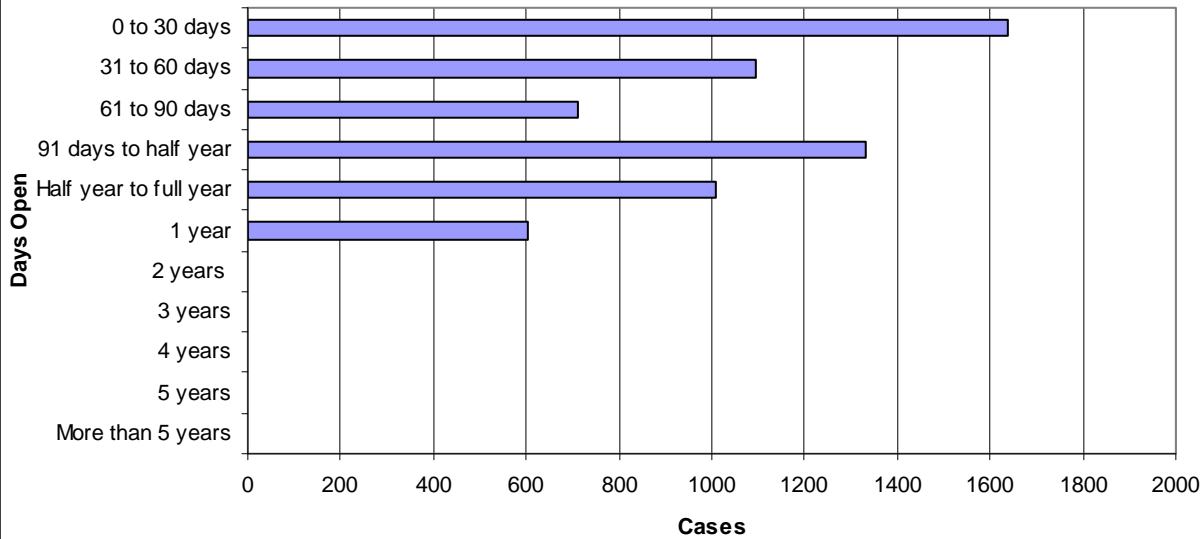
This piece presents data on open protection reports by duration from March 1998 to March 2009. The following briefly summarizes how protection reports fit into the child welfare system.



- **Intake**
Intake is the first decision point in child welfare case management. It is the process of receiving, gathering and assessing information in order to determine the appropriate response under the CF&CS Act. Intakes can either be protection reports regarding child maltreatment or requests for family and youth services.
- **Protection Reports**
Protection reports are calls the ministry receives from the public about children possibly at risk. Calls are assessed by ministry staff against child safety criteria and then staff choose a response that fits the child's assessed need. Possible responses to a child protection report include initiating an investigation, initiating a family development response (it is less invasive and more collaborative than a traditional investigation), or deciding not to pursue an investigation. At a minimum, the protection report remains open until the completion of the investigation or family development response.
- **Investigation**
An investigation is opened when the social worker is concerned that a child's safety or health may be in immediate danger or the child may be vulnerable to serious harm because of age or developmental level. An investigation is closed when the social worker determines whether or not the child is in need of protection. The majority of investigations are initiated from protection reports; however, there are cases when a child protection investigation is the appropriate response to request for family support services or youth services or to a family development response.
- **Family Development Response (FDR)**
This response to a child protection report occurs when an assessment identifies that the risk of harm can be managed through the provision of intensive, time-limited support services. It includes a strengths-based assessment of the family's capacity to safely care for a child, and provision of support services.
- **Requests for Family and Youth Services**
A family can approach the ministry and receive information about and referrals to support services (e.g., Big Brothers, counselling), and when required, arrange for support services through written, goal-oriented agreements. A request for youth services is like a request for family services, except it pertains to one young person in the family. It involves screening, assessment, short-term planning and utilization of youth support services, such as youth-family mediation, mentorship, safe housing and outreach services.¹

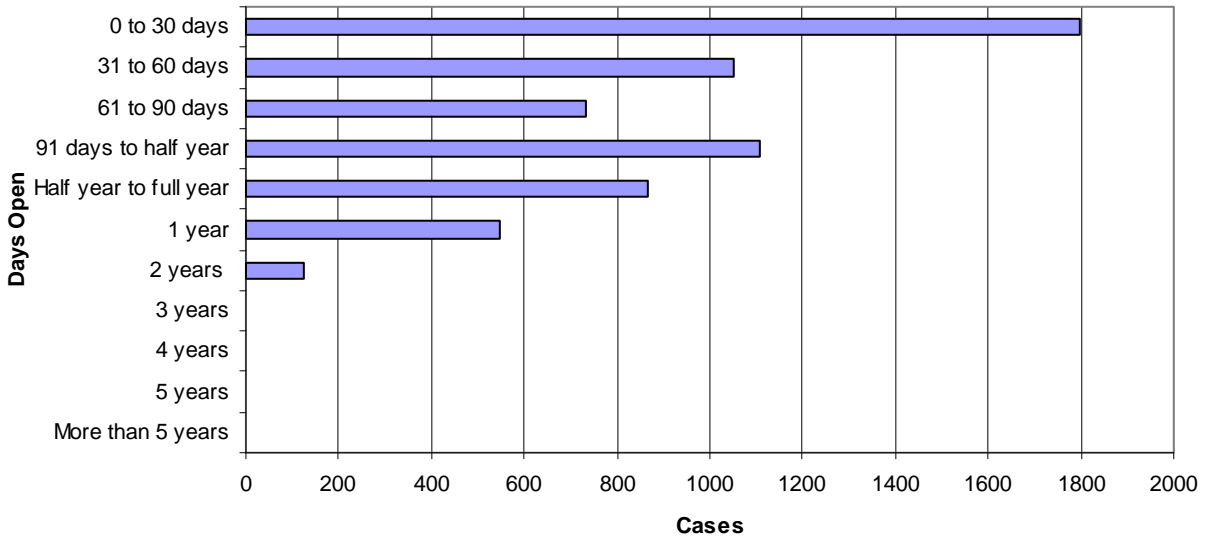
¹ Refer to Child and Family Development Service Standards
http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/child_protection/pdf/cfd_ss_may08.pdf

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 1998**



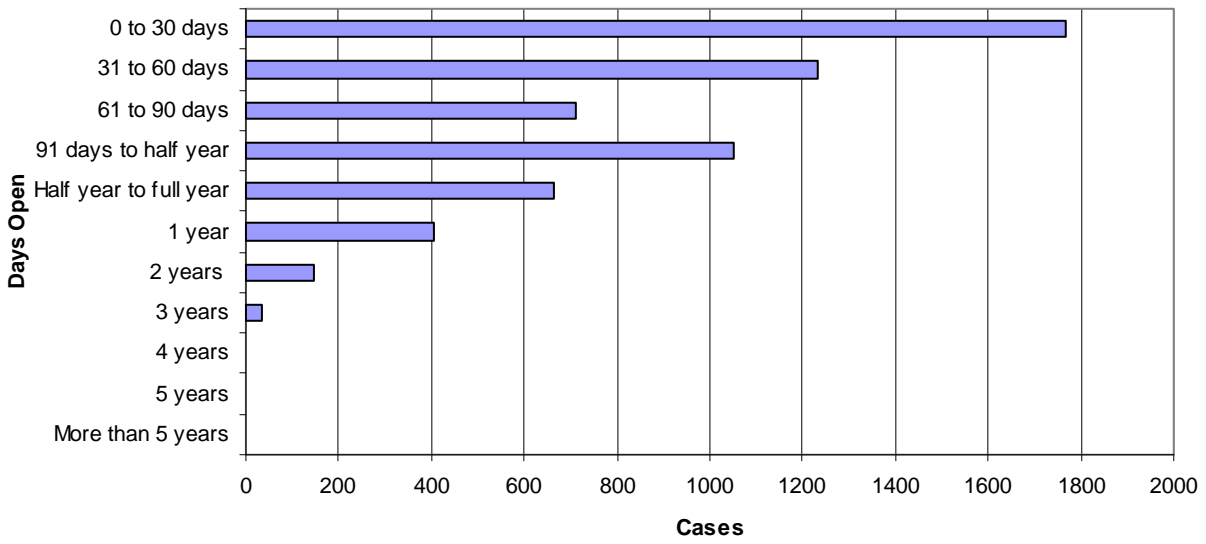
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1637
31 to 60 days	1096
61 to 90 days	711
91 days to half year	1332
Half year to full year	1008
1 year	605
2 years	3
3 years	0
4 years	1
5 years	0
More than 5 years	6
Total	6399

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 1999**



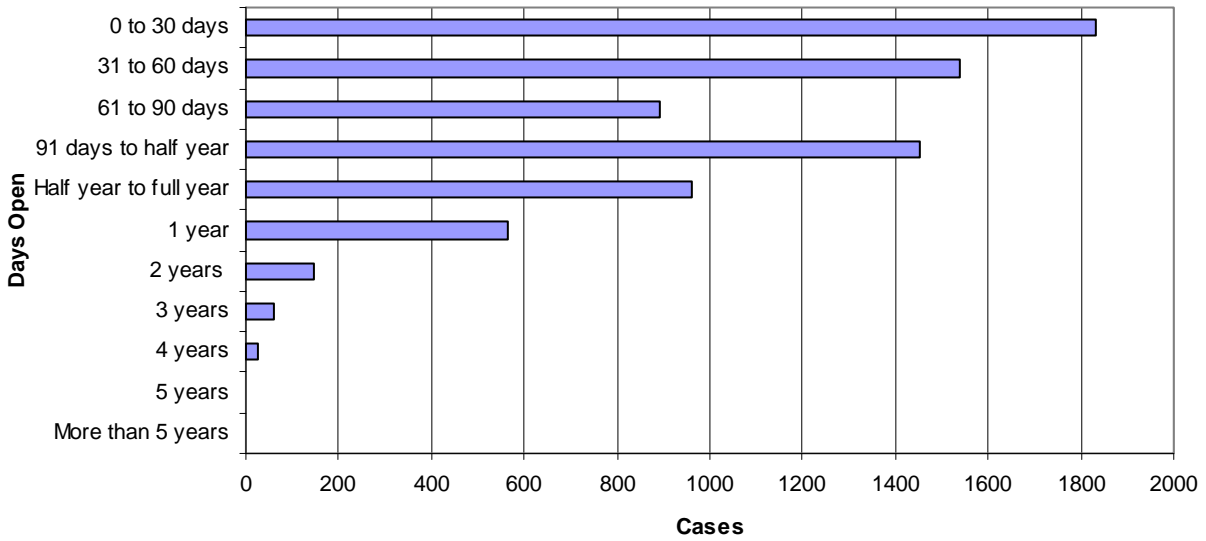
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1799
31 to 60 days	1051
61 to 90 days	733
91 days to half year	1107
Half year to full year	868
1 year	547
2 years	127
3 years	1
4 years	1
5 years	0
More than 5 years	3
Total	6237

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2000**



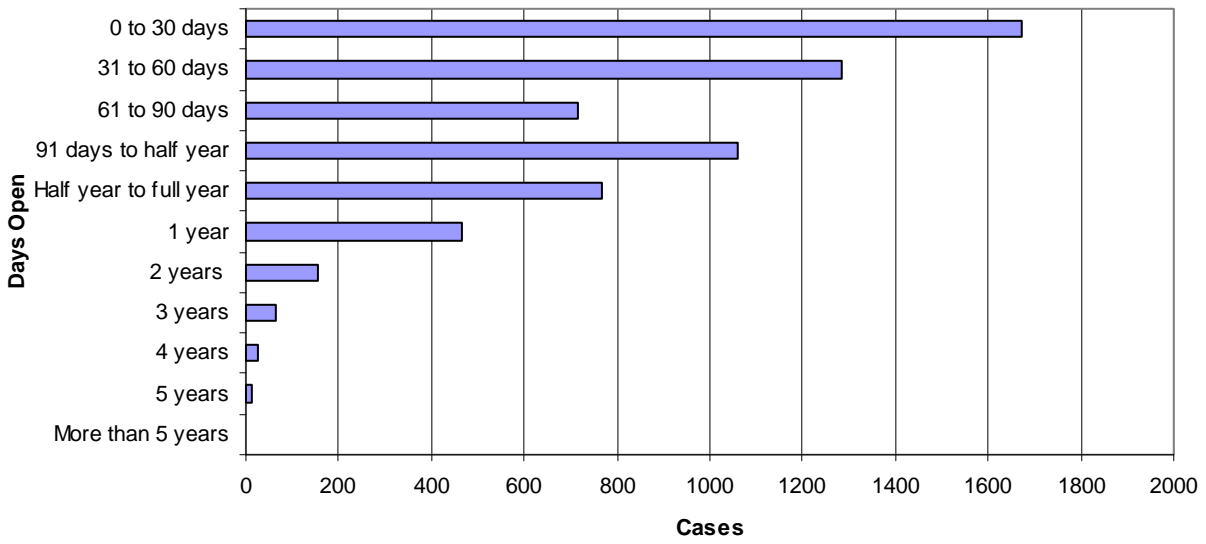
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1766
31 to 60 days	1233
61 to 90 days	711
91 days to half year	1051
Half year to full year	663
1 year	404
2 years	145
3 years	35
4 years	0
5 years	0
More than 5 years	1
Total	6009

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2001**



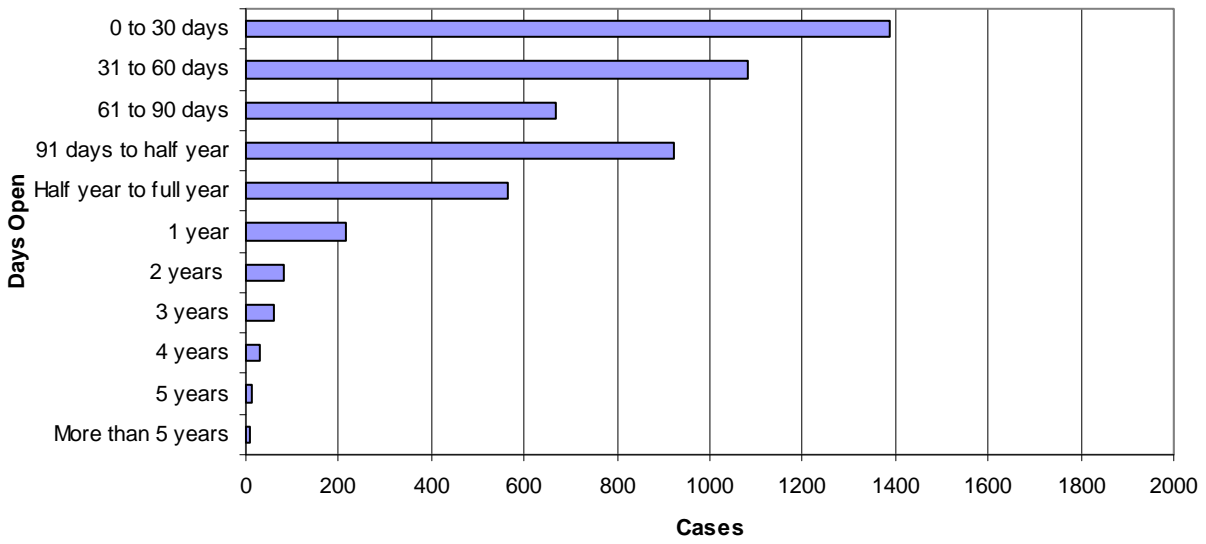
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1831
31 to 60 days	1538
61 to 90 days	893
91 days to half year	1453
Half year to full year	961
1 year	564
2 years	146
3 years	59
4 years	24
5 years	0
More than 5 years	0
Total	7469

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2002**



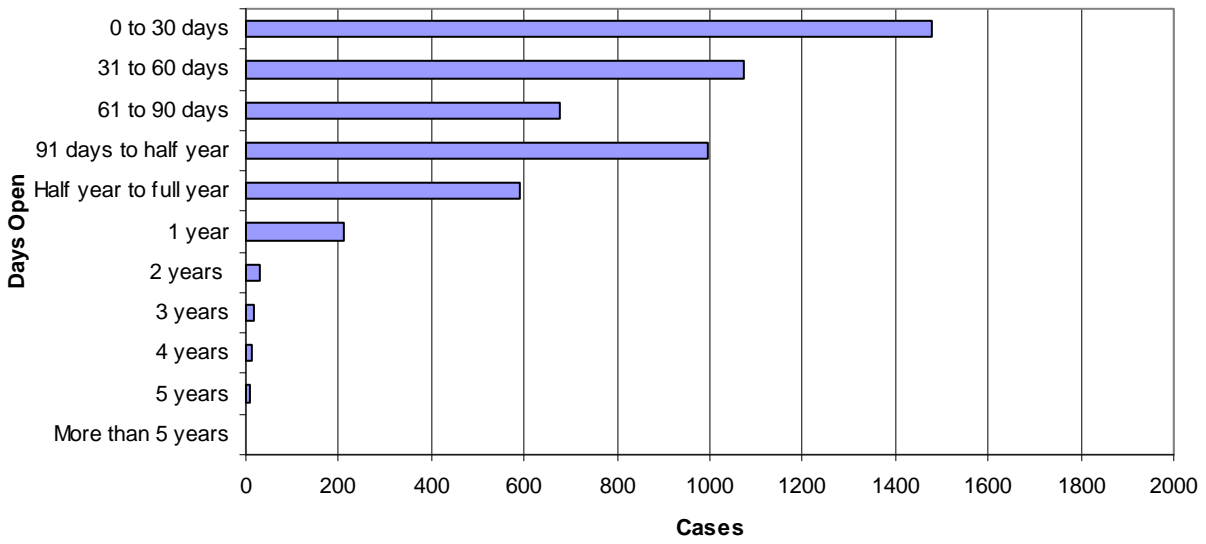
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1673
31 to 60 days	1286
61 to 90 days	716
91 days to half year	1060
Half year to full year	768
1 year	467
2 years	155
3 years	65
4 years	26
5 years	14
More than 5 years	6
Total	6236

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2003**



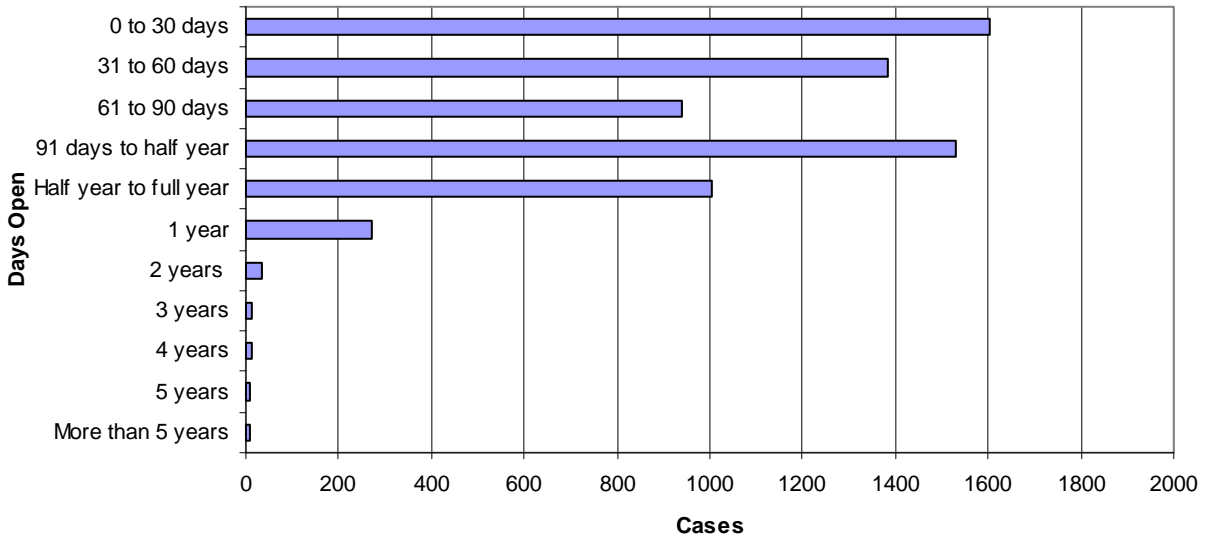
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1388
31 to 60 days	1082
61 to 90 days	667
91 days to half year	924
Half year to full year	563
1 year	215
2 years	81
3 years	60
4 years	32
5 years	12
More than 5 years	8
Total	5032

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2004**



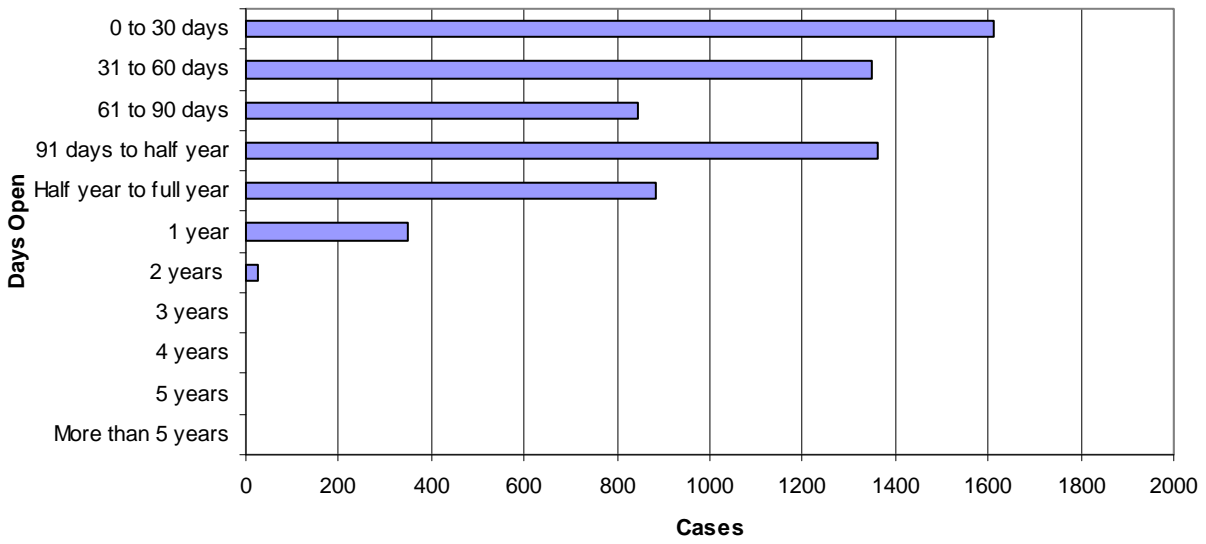
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1477
31 to 60 days	1074
61 to 90 days	678
91 days to half year	996
Half year to full year	589
1 year	212
2 years	32
3 years	17
4 years	14
5 years	10
More than 5 years	3
Total	5102

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2005**



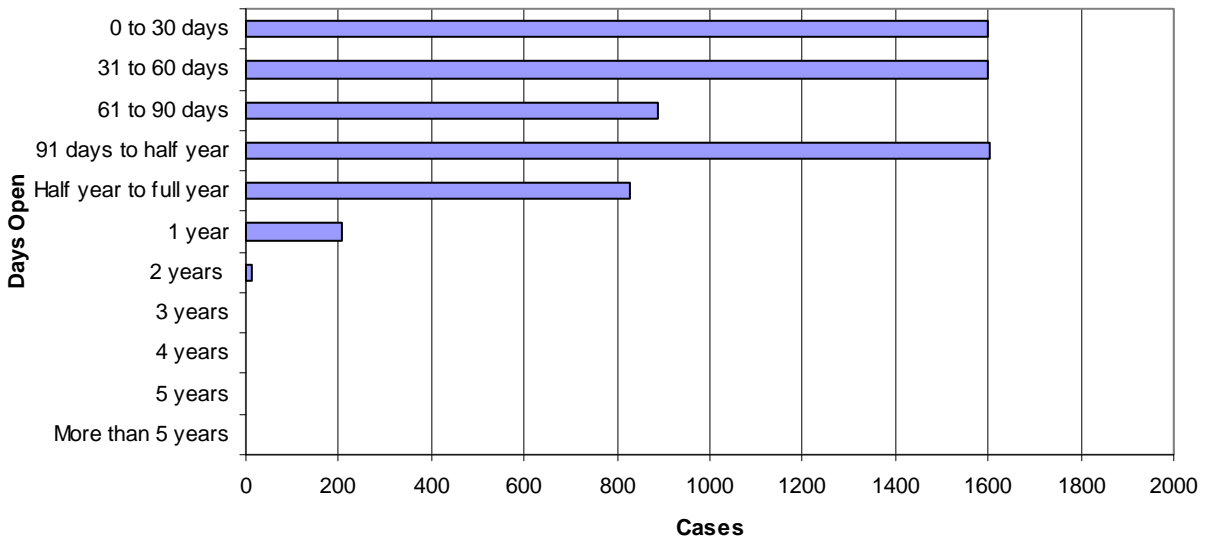
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1604
31 to 60 days	1383
61 to 90 days	939
91 days to half year	1530
Half year to full year	1005
1 year	270
2 years	34
3 years	15
4 years	12
5 years	10
More than 5 years	9
Total	6811

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2006**



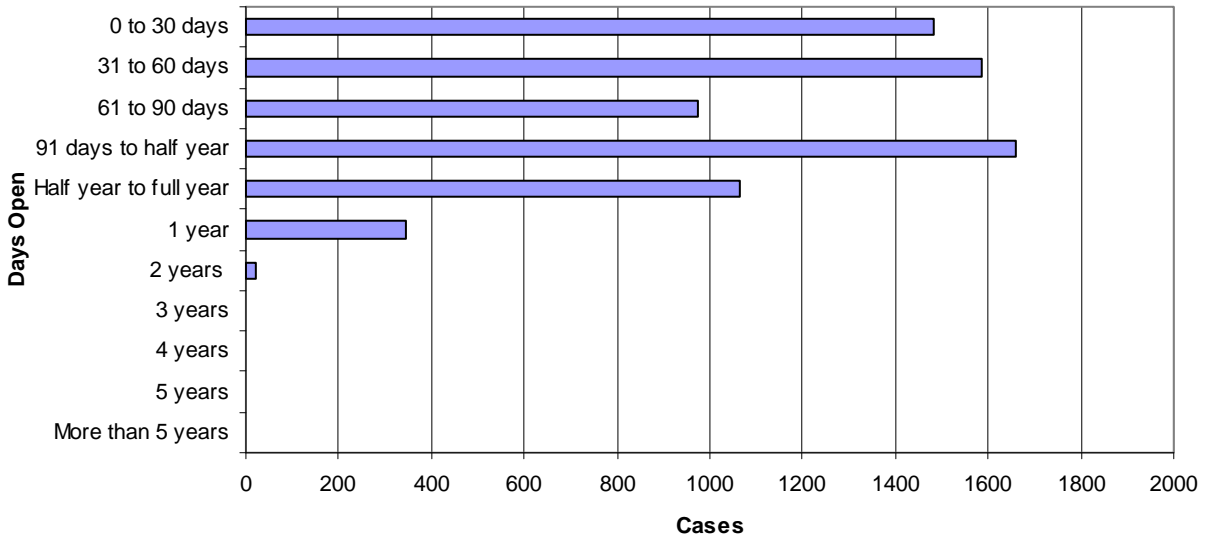
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1613
31 to 60 days	1347
61 to 90 days	843
91 days to half year	1364
Half year to full year	884
1 year	350
2 years	27
3 years	1
4 years	2
5 years	3
More than 5 years	5
Total	6439

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2007**



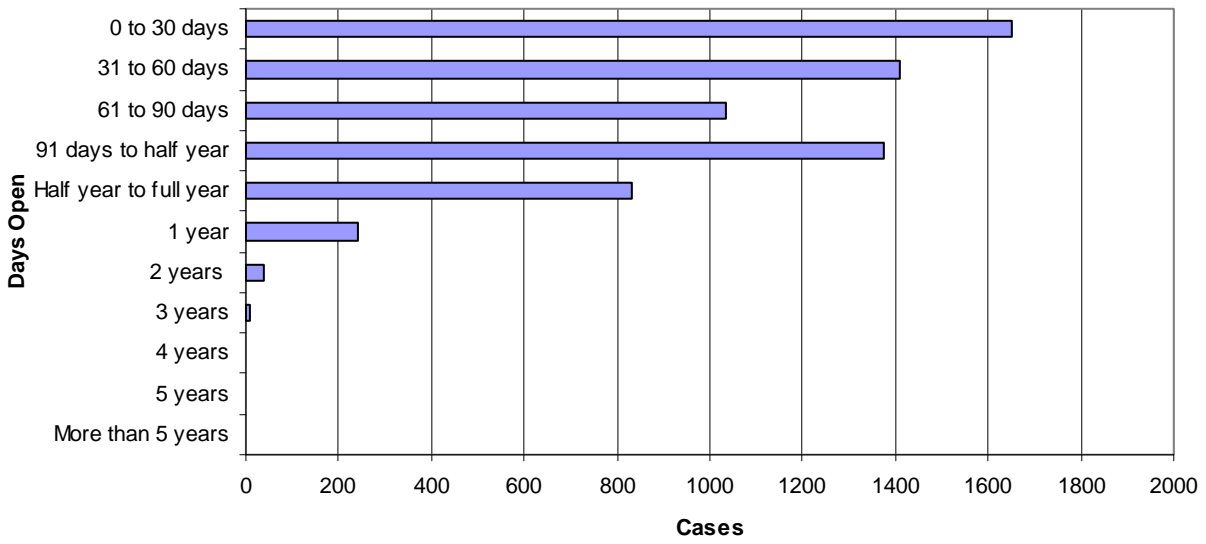
Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1601
31 to 60 days	1601
61 to 90 days	887
91 days to half year	1602
Half year to full year	826
1 year	207
2 years	12
3 years	3
4 years	0
5 years	0
More than 5 years	6
Total	6745

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2008**



Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1481
31 to 60 days	1586
61 to 90 days	976
91 days to half year	1660
Half year to full year	1064
1 year	346
2 years	21
3 years	3
4 years	0
5 years	0
More than 5 years	5
Total	7142

**Open Protection Reports by Time Open
Provincial
as of 31 March 2009**



Days Open	Cases
0 to 30 days	1649
31 to 60 days	1410
61 to 90 days	1036
91 days to half year	1373
Half year to full year	831
1 year	240
2 years	38
3 years	9
4 years	0
5 years	0
More than 5 years	2
Total	6588