

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MR McARDLE ASKED THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNITIES, MINISTER FOR DISABILITY SERVICES, MINISTER FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PARTNERSHIPS, MINISTER FOR MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS, SENIORS AND YOUTH (MS NELSON-CARR)—

With reference to the 168 young people who successfully completed the conditional bail program in 2006–07—

- (1) How many of those people have subsequently reappeared before the Childrens' Court?
- (2) How many young people currently on a conditional bail program have previously been accepted into the program?

ANSWER:

- The conditional bail database is continually updated as information is received. The 2006-07 estimates brief included 168 successful completions from data extracted on 5 July 2007.
- Updated data, extracted on 28 February 2008, indicates 185 successful completions for 2006-07.
- As conditional bail occurs prior to the hearing of an alleged offence, taking of a plea or sentencing of a youth offender, all 185 reappeared before the Children's Court to be successful in the conditional bail program as a matter of course.
- Of these 185 successful participants, 130 have appeared in relation to new offences subsequent to successfully completing conditional bail.
- An alleged offender on conditional bail has the presumption of innocence. It follows that interventions and programs administered by the Department of Communities to rehabilitate an offender and reduce recidivism are not undertaken at this time.
- As at 28 February 2008, there were 79 alleged youth offenders subject to a conditional bail program across the State. Of these 79 youths, 28 have previously been subject to conditional bail.