

**Question on Notice**

**No. 547**

**Asked on 17 April, 2008**

MR M MCARDLE asked the Minister for Communities, Minister for Disability Services, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships, Minister Multicultural Affairs, Seniors and Youth (MS LINDY NELSON-CARR)–

- 1) How many child offenders were placed on probation orders in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (reported separately by year)?
- (2) How many breaches of probation orders were recorded by departmental officers in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (reported separately by year)?
- (3) Of those breaches of probation orders in 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08, how many were referred back to the Children's Court (reported separately by year)?

**ANSWER:**

Only a court competent jurisdiction can determine whether a breach of a probation order has occurred. Therefore, all information below refers to breaches found by the courts.

During 2005-06, 1,231 young people were placed on probation orders. 261 were returned to court for non-compliance with the order conditions.

During 2006-07, 1,314 young people were placed on probation orders. 235 were returned to court for non-compliance with order conditions.

During 2007-08 (to date), 1,036 young people have been placed on probation orders. 57 have been returned to court for non-compliance with order conditions.