

Question on Notice

No. 547

Asked on 14 July 2015

Mr Weir asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Ms Yvette D'Ath) –

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown, since the change of government, of (a) the total number of juveniles charged with a criminal offence, and (b) the total number of juveniles charged with a criminal offence who have received a custodial sentence?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Condamine for his question.

- (a) The Queensland Police Service is responsible for reporting on the total number of young people charged with criminal offences.

I can advise however that within my justice portfolio, Youth Justice Services records data on young people who appear and are dealt with by a court following a criminal charge.

The most up-to-date data available from Youth Justice Services on young offenders is to 30 June 2015.

During the period 14 February to 30 June 2015, 2,109 young people were charged with a criminal offence, compared with 2,145 young people during the same period in 2014.

- (b) Of the young people charged with a criminal offence in the period 14 February to 30 June 2015, 113 young people received a custodial sentence (including suspended sentences), compared with 126 young people during the same period in the previous year.

It should be noted that these figures may not reflect the outcome for all charges as some may not have yet been finalised through court due to judicial processing times.