

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1693**

**Asked on 15 September 2016**

**MR NICHOLLS** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS (HON Y D'ATH) –

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to those youths detained in Queensland youth detention facilities who were 17 years of age as at 1 September 2016 —

Will the Attorney-General provide a breakdown of the number of youths detained on the basis of the category of offence they are detained for?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for Clayfield for his question.

There were 14 young people aged 17 years detained in a youth detention centre at 1 September 2016.

Due to confidentiality provisions under Part 9 of the *Youth Justice Act 1992* (Qld), the Department of Justice and Attorney-General is unable to provide a specific breakdown as requested, as this may identify certain young people currently in detention. However, I can advise that of the 14 young people mentioned above, assault was the most serious offence for four young people in detention, robbery was the most serious offence for four young people, and unlawful entry, burglary or break and enter for two young people. The remaining young people were detained for various property offences and offences against the person.

All of the 17 year old youths in detention at the requested date were held on remand and their offences had not yet been finalised in court.