

Question on Notice
No. 1830
Asked on 26 November 2019

MR R STEVENS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of youths aged 10-17 who have committed a new offence while on bail for 2018-19 to 2019-20 (reported separately by financial year and region)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the number of youth offenders aged 10 to 17 who have committed a reportable offence while on bail in the 2018-19 financial year is detailed in the following table:

Region	Number of unique offenders
	2018-19
Brisbane	548
Central	381
Northern	593
South Eastern	315
Southern	458

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Numbers refer to a unique offender count within the time period.
3. Only Persons aged between 10 and 17 at the time of occurrence being reported is included.
4. Region refers to the location of the first offence committed in the period while on bail.
Persons who have committed multiple offences while on bail will be counted once in the region for first offence for the period.
5. Bail Data is based on the existence of a bail condition flag for a person entered in QPRIME.

The data for 2019-20 will be available at the end of the financial year.

I appreciate the Member's interest in this matter and as such, I refer the Member to the case of *R v S; R v L [2015] QChC 3* where the Childrens Court of Queensland held the offence of 'committing an offence whilst on bail' as implemented by the previous LNP Government was "flawed" and did not enable a juvenile to be punished for the offence as the provision as implemented by the LNP breached section 16 of the *Criminal Code*. I am advised that the effect of the LNP's policy was that the Courts were left to process charges in circumstances where no punishment could be imposed.