

## Question on Notice

No. 1144

Asked on 26 October 2022

**MR T NICHOLLS** asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

### QUESTION

Will the Minister provide the number of youth on remand in youth detention centres (as a number and as a proportion of the total population in youth detention centres) by year for the last two years?

### ANSWER

Queensland's youth bail provisions are among the toughest in the country. When courts are considering bail, they apply the tough laws which commenced on 30 April 2021, including the presumption against bail.

These laws are resulting in more serious repeat offenders being held in custody, and for longer. In the month after the laws were introduced, the average number of children in custody rose by more than 30. This was 70 more children than the same month in the previous year. By September 2021 there were more than 100 young people than for the same month the previous year.

Data provided in the below table refers to the average daily number of young people on remand in Queensland youth detention centres for the last two financial years, as requested. This does not include young people who have been sentenced.

### Number and percentage of young people on remand in youth detention centres on an average day, 2020-21 to 2021-22

| Period  | Average daily number of young people on remand in Youth Detention Centres | Percentage of all young people in a Youth Detention Centre on remand on an average day |
|---------|---|--|
| 2020-21 | 200   | 87%  |
| 2021-22 | 236   | 86%  |