

## **Question on Notice**

No. 1290

Asked on 8 November 2022

**MRS L GERBER** asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

### **QUESTION**

Will the Minister advise (a) how many juveniles have been released on bail on the assurances of a parent or guardian under the state government's youth justice reforms and (b) how many of these juveniles have committed further crimes or breached their bail (reported separately by year) since the reforms were implemented?

### **ANSWER**

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing offending and reoffending and keeping the community safe.

In 2021, following serious incidents and offending involving young people, the Queensland Government further strengthened bail laws and made serious repeat offenders even more accountable for their actions. These new laws included a presumption against bail for serious repeat offenders who commit a crime while on bail, the ability for courts to seek assurances from parents or guardians before an offender is released and a trial of electronic monitoring devices as a bail condition for high risk repeat offenders.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs; Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG); Queensland Police Service; and Queensland courts all play a significant role in addressing youth crime.

As data regarding considerations made by courts is held by DJAG, this question should be directed to the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.