

## Question on Notice

No. 1387

Asked on 29 November 2022

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

### QUESTION

With reference to youth justice and youth offenders in Mackay and Rockhampton—

Will the Minister advise from 2017 to 2022 (reported separately by quarter for Mackay and Rockhampton) (a) the total number of unique youth offenders and (b) how many youth offenders reoffended whilst on bail?

### ANSWER

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

Across Queensland, the number of young people who offend has decreased. The number of young people with a proven offence decreased 13 per cent in 2021-22 compared to 2020-21, and 28 per cent compared to 2018-19.

This demonstrates the programs, services and interventions designed to intervene early, identify the underlying causes of offending and address those issues, are having an impact.

Across the Mackay and Rockhampton Local Government Areas (LGAs), the number of distinct young people with a proven offence has decreased by 11 per cent since 2020-21 and 21 per cent since 2018-19.

As the Member has requested the total number of unique youth offenders by quarter, it should be noted a young person can be counted only once per quarter but can be counted in multiple quarters. Because young people can be counted in more than one quarter, figures for individual quarters cannot be summed to determine distinct young people over longer periods.

(a) Table A provides the total number of young people who have committed offences within the Mackay and Rockhampton LGAs, from July 2017 to June 2022.

**Table A**

**Distinct young people with a proven offence committed in the Mackay and Rockhampton LGAs), by quarter, July 2017 to June 2022**

Financial year	Quarter	LGA	
		Mackay	Rockhampton
2017/18	July - September	19	47
	October - December	15	38
	January - March	18	51
	April - June	32	59
2018/19	July - September	21	60
	October - December	26	44
	January - March	21	53
	April - June	20	49

Financial year	Quarter	LGA	
		Mackay	Rockhampton
2019/20	July - September	29	41
	October - December	19	37
	January - March	10	25
	April - June	10	18
2020/21	July - September	22	45
	October - December	26	43
	January - March	17	36
	April - June	27	35
2021/22	July - September	16	37
	October - December	17	40
	January - March	11	49
	April - June	21	35

Source: Performance Reporting and Analytics - Youth Justice; Department of Children, Youth Justice, and Multicultural Affairs.

- (b) Table B provides the count of distinct young people in Table A whose proven offence/s in the relevant quarter were committed whilst they were on bail for a previous charge.

**Table B**

**Distinct young people with a proven offence committed in the Mackay or Rockhampton LGAs while on bail, by quarter, July 2017 to June 2022**

Financial year	Quarter	LGA	
		Mackay	Rockhampton
2017/18	July - September	8	20
	October - December	8	17
	January - March	7	28
	April - June	15	33
2018/19	July - September	9	26
	October - December	14	16
	January - March	6	28
	April - June	9	25
2019/20	July - September	12	19
	October - December	7	23
	January - March	7	9
	April - June	5	11
2020/21	July - September	12	29
	October - December	15	25
	January - March	7	20
	April - June	15	21
2021/22	July - September	12	20
	October - December	10	28
	January - March	6	25
	April - June	12	18

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