Question on Notice

No. 62

Asked on 23 February 2022

MR D LAST ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to amendments to section 48AA of the Youth Justice Act and parents or another person's willingness to support a young offender being a consideration for deciding if the young offender would receive bail—

Will the Attorney-General advise (a) how many parents or other persons have given a commitment to support the young person as outlined in the legislation, (b) how many young people were granted bail after these assurances were given and (c) how many of the young people who were granted bail after these assurances reoffended after the assurance was given?

ANSWER:

In relation to parts (a) & (b) of this question, I am advised that this data is held by the Queensland Police Service. The questions should be directed to the Minister for Police, Minister for Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services.

In respect of part (c) of the Member's question, I am advised that in order to obtain this information, a manual file review of the 573 cases would be required of both QPS and Department of Justice and Attorney-General records, which would involve significant resources and time.

Measuring offending is complex and requires consideration of factors such as unproven/discontinued offences, historical offences/warrants and diversionary initiatives. As such, no readily available figure is able to be provided.