

Question on Notice

No. 715

Asked on 24 June 2022

MR J LISTER asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the number of children known to child safety (reported separately by year for the last three years) who have been (a) arrested for an offence and (b) in remand or sentenced to detention?

ANSWER

Young people in the child protection and youth justice systems often come from households where they have experienced abuse, neglect, socio-economic disadvantage, violence and/or trauma. These young people can present with co-occurring challenges such as learning and behaviour problems, mental health and/or drug use issues and their complex needs require recognition and additional supports at all stages in the child protection and youth justice systems.

Data on arrests for an offence is not available from the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) as this falls within the portfolio of the Queensland Police Service.

Data held by DCYJMA includes the number of young people aged 10 and over who are subject to both a Child Protection Order and a Supervised Youth Justice Order on the last day of every quarter.

As at 31 March 2022, there were 63 young people aged 10 and over subject to both a Child Protection Order and a Supervised Youth Justice Order whose placement location was either a detention centre or watchhouse. This comprised less than one per cent of all young people aged 10 and over subject to a child protection order.

As at 31 March 2021, there were 41 young people aged 10 and over subject to both a Child Protection Order and a Supervised Youth Justice Order whose placement location was either a detention centre or watchhouse. This comprised less than one per cent of all young people aged 10 and over subject to a child protection order.

As at 31 March 2020, there were 30 young people aged 10 and over subject to both a Child Protection Order and a Supervised Youth Justice Order whose placement location was either a detention centre or watchhouse. This comprised less than one per cent of all young people aged 10 and over subject to a child protection order.