

Question on Notice
No. 817
Asked on 17 August 2022

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to drug diversion programs offered under section 379 of the Police Powers and Responsibilities Act—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many children under the age of 18 have been offered one of these programs in 2020, 2021 and 2022 respectively, (b) how many adults have been offered one of these programs in the same periods and (c) what is the completion rate for these programs (i) for adults and (ii) for children under 18?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) the data provided in response to this question relate to the financial years ending 2020, 2021 and 2022.

a)

| 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
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| 1,117 | 882 | 797 |

b)

| 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
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| 5,591 | 4,585 | 3,904 |

c)

(i)

| 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
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| 3,887 | 3,364 | 2,800 |

(ii)

| 2019/20 | 2020/21 | 2021/22 |
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| 805 | 640 | 581 |

Notes (in reference to the figures above):

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data relates to persons offered, accepted, and successfully completed a drug diversion between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2022.
3. Figures in the table represent a unique person count.
4. A person is considered to have been offered a drug diversion if the 'diversion offered' on the charge disposition is recorded as 'Yes'.
5. A person is considered to have been accepted a drug diversion if the 'diversion accepted' on the charge disposition is recorded as 'Yes'.
6. A successful diversion is one where the outcome on the charge disposition has been recorded as 'successful'.
7. Person age is calculated based on the age at the offence (as recorded on the charge; if not recorded, the linked occurrence).
8. Adults are persons aged 18 years and over.
9. Diversions that were unsuccessful, cancelled or an unknown outcome have not been shown.