

Question on Notice

No. 1170

Asked on 10 October 2023

MR D CRISAFULLI ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON Y D'ATH)

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise, since the laws were changed earlier this year, how many juveniles have been sentenced to the maximum penalty of (a) 10 years imprisonment for stealing a car and (b) 14 years imprisonment for stealing a car (with the offence being committed at night, where the offender uses violence or threatens violence, is armed or pretends to be armed, is in company or damages or threatens to damage any property)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I am advised that:

- (a) between 22 March 2023 and 30 September 2023 (the most recent data available) there were no juveniles sentenced in a Queensland Court to 10 years imprisonment (or detention) for offences against section 408A of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*; and
- (b) during this same period there were no juveniles sentenced in a Queensland Court to 14 years imprisonment (or detention) for offences against section 408A(1C) of the *Criminal Code Act 1899*.

The Government's legislation provides courts and police officers strengthened tools to respond to unacceptable offending which poses a significant risk of harm to both the community and offenders, as community safety must always be paramount.

The courts, in reaching a decision on sentencing, must take into account a range of factors including the nature of the offence, the seriousness of the offence and the circumstances of the offender.