

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1266

asked on Thursday, 12 October 2023

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**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

### QUESTION:

With reference to young people currently listed on the Serious Repeat Offender Index (SROI)—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown by (a) age, (b) first nations status, (c) gender, (d) whether they have been subject to child protection orders and (e) whether the child was or is subject to a custodial sentence?

### ANSWER:

The Serious Repeat Offender Index was developed as a guide to identify the cohort of young people whose offending is so serious and so frequent, they pose a significant threat to community safety. The Index measures the volume and seriousness of a young person's offending and young people who score 6 or more in the Index are classified as Serious Repeat Offenders, or SROs.

In the latest available data (30 September 2023), 461 young people were classified as SROs. Of these young people, 71 were younger than 14 years of age, 284 were 14 to 16 years of age, and 106 were 17 to 18 years of age. Further, 335 identified as First Nations.

Of the 461 young people, 376 were boys and 85 were girls, and 189 were in youth justice custody (court-ordered remand or sentenced detention). A total of 443 had been in youth justice custody (court-ordered remand or sentenced detention) at some point on or before 30 September 2023.

The most recent information about Youth Justice clients on child protection orders (CPOs) is as at 30 June 2023. On that day, 452 young people were classified as SROs, of which 133 had an active CPO.