

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1424

asked on Tuesday, 14 November 2023

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 the involvement of children in care with the Youth Justice system— Will the Minister advise (a) what proportion of children who entered custody in 2022 and to date in 2023 were (i) subject to child protection orders, (ii) in residential care, (b) what proportion of children for whom an electronic monitoring device has been ordered as a condition of bail since the trial of these devices for young people began were (i) subject to child protection orders, (ii) in residential care, (c) what proportion of children charged under section 29 of the Bail Act 1980 in 2023 to date were (i) subject to child protection orders, (ii) in residential care and (d) what proportion of children subject to the show cause provision under s48AF introduced by the Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2021 in 2021, 2022 and 2023 were (i) subject to child protection orders and (ii) in residential care?

ANSWER:

The response to questions a) and b) relies on data from the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services which is available at a point in time only. Data as at 30 June 2022 and 30 June 2023 has been used.

As at 30 June 2022, 67 of the 258 young people in a Youth Detention Centre were subject to both a supervised Youth Justice Order and Child Protection Orders. Of these, 2 young people had a current active Child Safety placement in residential care.

As at 30 June 2023, 51 of the 246 young people in a Youth Detention Centre were subject to both a supervised Youth Justice Order and Child Protection Orders. Of these, 3 young people had a current active Child Safety placement in residential care.

As at 30 June 2022, no young people who had an active bail condition involving an Electronic Monitoring Device were subject to a Child Protection Order.

As at 30 June 2023, no young people who had an active bail condition involving an Electronic Monitoring Device were subject to a Child Protection Order.

The Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training does not hold any data relevant to questions (c) and (d). These questions would be better directed to the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services; the Honourable Yvette D'Ath MP, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence; and the Honourable Craig Crawford MP, Minister for Child Safety and Minister for Seniors and Disability Services.