

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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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 sentences of supervision for young people—

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the average length of sentence (reported separately by offence and in relation to sentences of both detention and community supervision) each year from 2015 to date?

ANSWER: [MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)]

On 18 December 2023, I was appointed as Minister for Education and Minister for Youth Justice and as such, I am the responsible Minister to answer this Question.

The following data represents the **average length of sentence (in days)** for supervised orders, by 12-month period ending 30 June and (i) offence group of the most serious offence for the order, and (ii) order type. The figures cover the 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2023 period.

The 12 months ending 30 June by offence type:

Drug offences

In 2016, 224 days; in 2017, 265 days; in 2018, 278 days; in 2019, 319 days; in 2020, 314 days; in 2021, 314 days; in 2022, 312 days; and in 2023, 208 days.

Fraud offences

In 2016, 258 days; in 2017, 214 days; in 2018, 245 days; in 2019, 220 days; in 2020, 187 days; in 2021, 168 days; in 2022, 188 days; and in 2023, 203 days.

Property offences

In 2016, 254 days; in 2017, 244 days; in 2018, 247 days; in 2019, 241 days; in 2020, 215 days; in 2021, 191 days; in 2022, 192 days; and in 2023, 190 days.

Public order offences

In 2016, 235 days; in 2017, 307 days; in 2018, 346 days; in 2019, 267 days; in 2020, 226 days; in 2021, 174 days; in 2022, 218 days; and in 2023, 217 days.

Sexual offences

In 2016, 529 days; in 2017, 617 days; in 2018, 570 days; in 2019, 567 days; in 2020, 548 days; in 2021, 590 days; in 2022, 507 days; and in 2023, 558 days.

Traffic and motor vehicle offences

In 2016, 268 days; in 2017, 264 days; in 2018, 259 days; in 2019, 238 days; in 2020, 207 days; in 2021, 197 days; in 2022, 205 days; and in 2023, 188 days.

Violent offences

In 2016, 290 days; in 2017, 296 days; in 2018, 290 days; in 2019, 295 days; in 2020, 282 days; in 2021, 249 days; in 2022, 240 days; and in 2023, 252 days.

Other offences

In 2016, 258 days; in 2017, 248 days; in 2018, 266 days; in 2019, 247 days; in 2020, 222 days; in 2021, 206 days; in 2022, 196 days; and in 2023, 199 days.

The 12 months ending 30 June by order type:

Detention orders

In 2016, 198 days; in 2017, 199 days; in 2018, 241 days; in 2019, 227 days; in 2020, 271 days; in 2021, 268 days; in 2022, 221 days; and in 2023, 266 days.

Community-based orders

In 2016, 274 days; in 2017, 271 days; in 2018, 271 days; in 2019, 268 days; in 2020, 244 days; in 2021, 215 days; in 2022, 214 days; and in 2023, 209 days.

From 12 February 2018, 17-year-old offenders were dealt with under the Youth Justice Act 1992 and are subsequently included in Youth Justice figures from this date. Caution should be exercised when comparing periods before and after the date of this transition.