

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 510

asked on 09 05 2023

MR T NICOLLS ASKED THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
(HON D FARMER) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of breaches of leave of absence conditions that have been made by youth on leave of absences from youth detention centres while on (a) escorted leave, (b) supervised leave and (c) unsupervised leave?

ANSWER:

Most leaves of absence from youth detention centres occur under escort by trained youth detention operational staff.

Unsupervised leaves of absence, or leave supervised by another person, is only approved in exceptional circumstances.

In the past three years, there have been four (4) breaches of escorted leave conditions.

All 4 breaches occurred while young people were on medical LOAs. These breaches related to young people:

- being non-compliant whilst on an LOA, including refusing to engage in treatment, being abusive/aggressive towards medical staff and/or to escorting youth justice staff
- attempting to escape from custody during an LOA.

The last breach occurred on 22 March 2023 due to a breach of leave conditions.

There have been no breaches of supervised or unsupervised leave conditions.