

Question on Notice

No. 604

Asked on 11 May 2023

MR R KATTER ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR WOMEN AND MINISTER FOR THE PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON S FENTIMAN) –

QUESTION: Will the Attorney-General advise for the last financial year (a) how many children aged 10 to 13 were charged with a criminal offence and (b) what were the nature of those offences?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for their question to the former Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, Minister for Women, and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, the Honourable Shannon Fentiman MP. As of 18 May 2023, this matter now falls within my portfolio responsibilities.

I am advised that between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022:

- a) There were 2,757 defendants with a case lodged in a Queensland Childrens Court where the defendant was aged 10 to 13 years of age at the time of offence. Defendants may have one or multiple cases lodged before the court in the period and are therefore counted once for each occasion on which a new case lodged.
- b) The nature of the offences is wide ranging including acts intending to cause injury, robbery and related offences, and illicit drug offences.