

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 800**  
**Asked on 14 June 2023**

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the application of the offence for breach of bail conditions to children under section 29 of the Bail Act 1980—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many young people have been charged to date under this section since commencement of the Strengthening Community Safety Bill 2023 (reported separately by age, Local Government Area and indigenous status), (b) how many of these charges have resulted in a conviction to date, (c) how many young people charged under this section have been subsequently sentenced to a term of supervision and (d) how many young people charged under this section were on bail for a prescribed indictable offence?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that in relation to part (a) of the question, the number of young people aged 10 to 17 who have been charged under section 29 of the *Bail Act 1980* is as follows:

Between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023 there were less than three offenders charged aged 10, six offenders charged aged 11, 17 offenders charged aged 12, 46 offenders charged aged 13, 57 offenders charged aged 14, 69 offenders charged aged 15, 54 offenders charged aged 16, and 38 offenders charged aged 17.

Between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023 for Brisbane Police Region there were 55 offenders charged, for Central Police Region there were 15 offenders charged, for Far Northern Police Region there were 60 offenders charged, for North Coast Police Region there were 27 offenders charged, for Northern Police Region there were 58 offenders charged, for South Eastern Police Region there were 46 offenders charged, and for Southern Region there were 30 offenders charged.

Between 1 March 2023 and 31 May 2023 there were 175 indigenous offenders charged and there were 107 non-indigenous offenders charged.

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Figures in this report refer to persons charged under section 29 Breach of Bail - Bail Act 1980 between 01 March to 31 May.
3. A person aged under 10 years of age is considered too young to be criminally responsible and are excluded from offender counts.
4. Juvenile offenders are those persons aged between 10 and 17 years (inclusive)
5. Persons charged count represents a unique offender count. A person with multiple charges will only be counted once in the breakdown.
6. The indigenous identifier refers to the offender's self-identification when they are asked a predetermined question by an officer.
7. Where the number of offenders is <3 the actual number is not included to protect the identity of the young person.

In relation to parts (b) and (c) of this question I am advised by the QPS that this data is not owned by the QPS. As such, I suggest that the member direct these parts of the question to the relevant portfolio minister.

I am also advised by the QPS that to answer part (d) of this question would require a manual examination of a significant number of records which is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.