

Question on Notice
No. 833
Asked on 15 June 2023

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister respond to limb (b) of Question on Notice No. 397 of 2023, which seeks data (by year since 2015 and by geographic region) for the distinct youth offenders not charged with an actual offence but dealt with by way of caution or drug diversion (not including children who in the same year have been dealt with both externally and internally to the courts), that the Minister for Children and Youth Justice has advised is held by the Queensland Police Service?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the number of unique juvenile offenders who have been dealt with by way of caution or drug diversion for each calendar year since 2015 is as follows:

- In the Brisbane Police Region for 2015 was 1,347, for 2016 was 1,298, for 2017 was 1,439, for 2018 was 1,399, for 2019 was 1,369, for 2020 was 1,453, for 2021 was 1,257 and for 2022 was 1,289.
- In the Central Police Region for 2015 was 713, for 2016 was 725, for 2017 was 756, for 2018 was 783, for 2019 was 755, for 2020 was 819, for 2021 was 914, and for 2022 was 856.
- In the Far Northern Police Region for 2015 was 967, for 2016 was 993, for 2017 was 865, for 2018 was 937, for 2019 was 899, for 2020 was 874, for 2021 was 900, and for 2022 was 885.
- In the North Coast Police Region for 2015 was 1,607, for 2016 was 1,638, for 2017 was 1,573, for 2018 was 1,565, for 2019 was 1,599, for 2020 was 1,469, for 2021 was 1,419, and for 2022 was 1,369.
- In the Northern Police Region for 2015 was 634, for 2016 was 588, for 2017 was 604, for 2018 was 655, for 2019 was 643, for 2020 was 694, for 2021 was 670, and for 2022 was 747.
- In the South Eastern Police Region for 2015 was 1,262, for 2016 was 1,165, for 2017 was 1,151, for 2018 was 1,151, for 2019 was 1,234, for 2020 was 1,190, for 2021 was 1,022, and for 2022 was 1,307.
- In the Southern Police Region for 2015 was 924, for 2016 was 999, for 2017 was 1,052, for 2018 was 1,012, for 2019 was 1,024, for 2020 was 1,201, for 2021 was 1,254, and for 2022 was 1,239.

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.

2. Juvenile offenders are those persons aged between 10 and 17 years (inclusive).
3. Only offences from offenders whose age are identified have been included.
4. These figures represent a unique offender count. A person actioned multiple times will be counted only once in the breakdown.
5. Data has been extracted for offenders who have been actioned by caution or drug diversion only.
6. As at 12 February 2018, juvenile offenders are those persons aged between 10 and 17 years (inclusive). Prior to this date juvenile offenders were persons aged between 10 and 16 years (inclusive).