

Question on Notice
No. 1099
Asked on 28 November 2024

MR M BERKMAN ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
(HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Police Drug Diversion Program (PDDP)—

Will the Minister advise (a) since 3 May 2024, how many individuals have been diverted from the justice system for (i) a first eligible minor drug offence, (ii) a second eligible minor drug offence, (iii) a third eligible minor drug offence, (b) for each category in (a)(i)-(iii), how many of those individuals were aged (i) under 18, (ii) under 25, (iii) over 25 and (c) if the government is committed to continuing the three-tiered PDDP?

ANSWER:

- (a) I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS), from 3 May 2024 to 1 December 2024:
- (i) 5,968 people were offered and accepted a Drug Diversion Warning.
 - (ii) 534 people were offered and accepted an Initial Drug Diversion Assessment Program and
 - (iii) 3,218 people were offered and accepted a Subsequent Drug Diversion Assessment Program.
- (b) I am further informed by the QPS that in relation to the individuals outlined above:
- (i) for individuals under 18 years of age, there has been 756 Drug Diversion Warnings, 49 Initial Drug Diversion Assessment Programs and 69 Subsequent Drug Diversion Assessment Programs issued.
 - (ii) for individuals aged 18 to 24 years, there has been 1,766 Drug Diversion Warnings, 157 Initial Drug Diversion Assessment Programs and 588 Subsequent Drug Diversion Assessment Programs issued.
 - (iii) for individuals aged 25 years and older, there has been 3,445 Drug Diversion Warnings, 328 Initial Drug Diversion Assessments Programs and 2,561 Subsequent Drug Diversion Assessment Programs issued.

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. Data is derived from person flags in QPRIME for drug diversion and drug warnings.
3. Drug diversion and drug warning is based on the remarks:
 - First eligible offence: person has drug warning flag;
 - Second eligible minor drug offence: person has drug diversion flag with remarks indicating first or initial drug diversion;
 - Third eligible minor drug offence: person has drug diversion flag with remarks indicating second or subsequent drug diversion.
4. The statistics in the table are unique person count. A person is reported against the highest eligible police drug diversion program tier.
5. One individual did not have a date of birth recorded in the QPRIME and therefore was not included in the age breakdown in part (b) of this question.

- (c) The Government has been clear that it does not support the Police Drug Diversion Program in its current form. The Crisafulli Government is committed to reducing crime, not facilitating, or ignoring it.