

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)

### QUESTION:

With reference to data on the frequency and severity of youth offending post detention provided to the justice, Integrity and Community Safety Committee by the Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support on 4 December 2024

(<https://documents.parliament.qld.gov.au/com/JICSC-CD82/IMQSB2024-B002/Department%20of%20Youth%20Justice%20and%20Victim%20Support,%204%20December%202024.pdf> at pages 4-5. Paragraph 1 and 2) -

Will the Minister provide a breakdown of the data to show the comparative shift in reoffending rates (reported separately for overall rates and serious offences) per month for (a) people detained in Brisbane YDC, West Moreton YDC and Cleveland YDC and (b) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander detainees compared to other detainees?

### ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to restoring safety in Queensland homes, workplaces and communities.

The Making Queensland Safer Plan is well underway. On 13 December 2024, the Making Queensland Safer Laws became Law.

The Making Queensland Safer Laws will be bolstered by an additional \$485 million investment in early intervention, crime prevention and rehabilitation programs, and be supported by the Crisafulli Government's Detention with Purpose Plan.

Under the previous administration's principle of detention as a last resort, 93% of youth offenders released from Detention reoffended within 12 months.

With reference to the number of offences and serious offences committed by young people in the 12-months prior to and following from a period of Youth Justice custody within a Queensland Youth Detention Centre, a breakdown is provided below:

- a **28%** decrease in offending and a **42%** decrease in serious offending for Brisbane Youth Detention Centre;
- a **14%** decrease in offending and a **21%** increase in serious offending for Cleveland Youth Detention Centre; and

- a **14%** decrease in offending and a **32%** decrease in serious offending for West Moreton Youth Detention Centre.

Overall offending figures by young people's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background are as follows:

- a **13%** decrease in offending and a **2%** decrease in serious offending for young people who identified as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- a **42%** decrease in offending and a **54%** decrease in serious offending for young people who did not identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.

The Crisafulli Government's Detention with Purpose Plan outlines a clear framework for behaviour management reform through three pillars:

1. Compulsory education – young people must attend school and programs
2. Staff safety – violence against staff will not be tolerated
3. Behaviour management – clear consequences for actions.

This is all part of the Crisafulli Government's Making Queensland Safer Plan which works to restore safety in Queensland communities.

