

Question on Notice

No. 457

Asked on 18 April 2024

DR M ROBINSON asked the Minister for Child Safety, Minister for Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON C MULLEN)—

QUESTION

Will the Minister provide (reported separately by year for the last three years), the number of young people who have stayed in a residential care facility while on bail or a conditional bail program?

ANSWER

Many children and young people in contact with the child protection system have experienced abuse, neglect, trauma, violence and socio-economic disadvantage, which makes them particularly vulnerable to coming into contact with the youth justice system.

Data relating to the number of young people who have stayed in a residential care facility whilst on bail or a conditional bail program is not part of the Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services' regular corporate reporting.

To provide the specific data requested would divert resources from important frontline service delivery, which would require extensive matching of records across the child safety and youth justice client management systems to identify those young people in residential care at any time over the last three years who also had either a bail episode and/or participated in the conditional bail program.