

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 903**  
**Asked on 20 August 2024**

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the police operation dubbed Taskforce Guardian, targeting youth crime, of the 1,200 young people charged during the first 12 months of operations—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many were aged between 10 and 13 years old and (b) how many were charged with a first offence as a result of the operation?

ANSWER:

In relation to the Member's question, I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that:

- (a) Between 7 May 2023 and 6 May 2024, Taskforce Guardian took action against 282 young people who were aged between 10 and 13 years of age. Of these 282 young people, 52% were offered police diversionary action, for example a caution or restorative justice referral, while 48% were subject to non-diversionary actions, including arrest or Notice to Appear.

NOTES: This data extract is comprised of operational data recorded within the QPS Investigation Management and Control (IMAC) system, and may be subject to change. Data quality relies on the accurate and timely recording by officers and is based on data entered between 7 May 2023 and 6 May 2024. The data extract does not reflect a unique offender count. Where a unique offender has been subject to multiple police actions during the period (for example two cautions, one arrest), this offender will be counted multiple times.

- (b) To identify how many young people aged 10 to 13 years were charged with a first offence would require a labour-intensive manual examination of records which is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.