

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR D JANETZKI** ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide (a) a breakdown of young people identified as serious repeat offenders (reported separately by year and age) for the last four years located in (i) Southern Region, (ii) Darling Downs District, (iii) Toowoomba Police Division, (b) the total number of charged offences per serious repeat offender in those locations, (c) the average number of charged offences per serious repeat offender in each of those locations and (d) the highest number of charged offences recorded for one serious repeat offender in each of those locations?

### ANSWER:

In these analyses, Youth Justice data is reported using the Local Government Areas (LGAs) that most closely align to the Police catchments requested. *Southern Region* is approximated using the LGAs of Balonne, Bulloo, Cherbourg, Goondiwindi, Ipswich, Lockyer Valley, Maranoa, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie, Somerset, South Burnett, Southern Downs, Toowoomba, and Western Downs. The *Darling Downs QPS district* is approximated using the LGAs of Cherbourg, Goondiwindi, Lockyer Valley South Burnett, Southern Downs, and Toowoomba; and the *Toowoomba QPS division* is approximated using the LGA of Toowoomba.

Data is provided for the following financial years: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. In answering question (a), ages are reported in the following groups: 10 to 13 years, 14 to 15 years, and 16 to 17 years.

(a) The following figures denote distinct young people identified as a Serious Repeat Offender (SRO), and are reported by location, year and age group.

- i. For the *Southern Region*, the number of distinct SROs aged 10 to 13 years was 17 for 2020-21, 17 for 2021-22, 16 for 2022-23, and 13 for 2023-24; the number of distinct SROs aged 14 to 15 years was 35 for 2020-21, 48 for 2021-22, 63 for 2022-23, and 46 for 2023-24; and the number of distinct SROs aged 16 to 17 years was 24 for 2020-21, 38 for 2021-22, 50 for 2022-23, and 62 for 2023-24.
- ii. For the *Darling Downs QPS district*, the number of distinct SROs aged 10 to 13 years was 10 for 2020-21, 11 for 2021-22, 8 for 2022-23, and 9 for 2023-24; the number of distinct SROs aged 14 to 15 years was 15 for 2020-21, 21 for 2021-22, 33 for 2022-23, and 22 for 2023-24; and the number of

distinct SROs aged 16 to 17 years was 11 for 2020-21, 17 for 2021-22, 18 for 2022-23, and 32 for 2023-24.

- iii. For the *Toowoomba QPS division*, the number of distinct SROs aged 10 to 13 years was 6 for 2020-21, 8 for 2021-22, 5 for 2022-23, and 4 for 2023-24; the number of distinct SROs aged 14 to 15 years was 8 for 2020-21, 13 for 2021-22, 22 for 2022-23, and 12 for 2023-24; and the number of distinct SROs aged 16 to 17 years was 8 for 2020-21, 12 for 2021-22, 12 for 2022-23, and 19 for 2023-24.
- (b) The following figures denote the total number of charged offences occurring within the location by SROs, and are reported by location and year.
- i. For the *Southern Region*, the figures are 1,401 for 2020-21, 2,550 for 2021-22, 2,346 for 2022-23, and 2,223 for 2023-24.
  - ii. For the *Darling Downs QPS district*, the figures are 835 for 2020-21, 1,682 for 2021-22, 1,509 for 2022-23, and 1,311 for 2023-24.
  - iii. For the *Toowoomba QPS division*, the figures are 611 for 2020-21, 1,181 for 2021-22, 1,041 for 2022-23, and 931 for 2023-24.
- (c) The following figures denote the average number of charged offences occurring within the location per SROs, and are reported by location and year.
- i. For the *Southern Region*, the figures are 18 for 2020-21, 25 for 2021-22, 18 for 2022-23, and 18 for 2023-24.
  - ii. For the *Darling Downs QPS district*, the figures are 23 for 2020-21, 34 for 2021-22, 26 for 2022-23, and 21 for 2023-24.
  - iii. For the *Toowoomba QPS division*, the figures are 28 for 2020-21, 36 for 2021-22, 27 for 2022-23, and 27 for 2023-24.
- (d) The following figures denote the highest number of charged offences occurring within the location committed by any SRO, and are reported by location and year.
- i. For the *Southern Region*, the figures are 115 for 2020-21, 124 for 2021-22, 103 for 2022-23, and 115 for 2023-24.
  - ii. For the *Darling Downs QPS district*, the figures are 113 for 2020-21, 124 for 2021-22, 102 for 2022-23, and 114 for 2023-24.
  - iii. For the *Toowoomba QPS division*, the figures are 93 for 2020-21, 99 for 2021-22, 102 for 2022-23, and 114 for 2023-24.