

Question on Notice
No. 1046
Asked on 17 September 2025

MS W BOURNE ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON D PURDIE)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise since 13 December 2024, (a) how many children aged 10-17 (inclusive) have been refused police bail, refused court bail, or refused bail altogether for 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' offences compared to other offences not accompanied by an 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' offence, (b) these figures reported separately for (i) First Nations children, (ii) non-Indigenous children, (iii) children aged 10-13 and (iv) children aged 14-17 and (c) what is the equivalent data for the same date range 12 months earlier?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the number of charges where police bail was refused by 'Adult Crime, Adult Time' offences comparing non-'Adult Crime, Adult Time', offences are detailed the following tables.

Number of charges for "adult crime, adult time" (ACAT) and non-ACAT offences by indigenous status where bail was denied, Queensland, 13 December 2023 to 31 August 2024 and 13 December 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charge type	13 Dec 2023 to 31 Aug 2024		13 Dec 2024 to 31 Aug 2025	
	Indigenous	Non-indigenous	Indigenous	Non-indigenous
"Adult crime, adult time" offences	5,321	3,389	3,465	2,526
Non "adult crime, adult time" offences	5,141	4,490	4,412	3,433
Total	10,462	7,879	7,877	5,959

Number of charges for "adult crime, adult time" (ACAT) and non-ACAT offences by age group where bail was denied, Queensland, 13 December 2023 to 31 August 2024 and 13 December 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charge type	13 Dec 2023 to 31 Aug 2024		13 Dec 2024 to 31 Aug 2025	
	10 to 13 years	14 to 17 years	10 to 13 years	14 to 17 years
"Adult crime, adult time" offences	1,040	7,670	756	5,235
Non "adult crime, adult time" offences	1,602	8,029	1,254	6,591
Total	2,642	15,699	2,010	11,826

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. "Adult crime, adult crime" offences refer to the following sections:

Criminal Code:

section 69 Going armed so as to cause fear;
section 75 Threatening violence;
sections 302 and 305 Murder;
sections 303 and 310 Manslaughter;
section 306 Attempt to murder;
section 307 Accessory after the fact to murder;
section 313(2) Unlawful assault of pregnant female;
section 314A Unlawful striking causing death;
section 317 Acts intended to cause grievous bodily harm and other malicious acts;
section 320 Grievous bodily harm;
section 320A Torture;

section 323 Wounding;
section 328A Dangerous operation of a vehicle;
section 328C Damaging emergency vehicle when operating motor vehicle;
section 328D Endangering police officer when driving motor vehicle;
section 340 Serious assaults;
section 349 Rape;
section 350 Attempt to commit rape;
section 351 Assault with intent to commit rape;
section 352 Sexual assault, subsections (2) and (3) only;
section 354 Kidnapping;
section 354A Kidnapping for ransom;
section 355 Deprivation of liberty;
section 398.12 Stealing of a vehicle;
section 398.14 Stealing firearm for use in another indictable offence;
section 408A Unlawful use or possession of motor vehicles, aircraft or vessels;
section 409 and 411 Robbery;
section 412 Attempted robbery, subsections (2) and (3) only;
section 419 Burglary;
section 421 Entering or being in premises and committing indictable offences;
section 427 Unlawful entry of vehicle for committing indictable offence.
section 461 Arson;
section 462 Endangering particular property by fire.

Drugs Misuse Act 1986:

section 5 Trafficking in dangerous drugs.

3. Non "adult crime, adult time" offences refer to charges not in the above list.
4. Data relates to police bail being refused as recorded in police systems.
5. Bail is assumed to be refused if one of the conditions apply to each individual charge:
 - (a) charge that is linked to a custody report has a detention log entry type of 'bail denied'; or
 - (b) proceeding type on the charge sequencing report linked to the charge is 'bail refused'.
6. Charges where bail is not refused, are not linked to a charge sequencing report, or charges without a linked custody report are not included in counts.
7. Data refer to offenders aged 10 to 17 years only.
8. Persons whose age cannot be determined has been excluded from counts.
9. Data refers to the period from 13 December 2023 to 31 August 2024, and 13 December 2024 to 31 August 2025 only.
Charges outside of those periods are excluded.

The Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Integrity is best placed to respond to the part of the question asked related to court bail and refused bail altogether.