

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 242

Asked on 14 March 2025

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

QUESTION:

With reference to transition planning for young people leaving youth detention centres—

Will the Minister advise (a) what proportion of serious repeat offenders leaving youth detention, in each year from 2020 to 2024, did not receive a 72-hour plan (reported separately by year), (b) when the government will give effect to its pre-election commitment to give every child a 12-month individual rehabilitation program after detention and (c) will the 12-month individual rehabilitation programs in (b) include case management for each child for the entire 12-month period?

ANSWER:

- a) 72 hour plans are different to the Staying on Track Program. 72-hour transition plans are designed to ensure serious repeat offenders have supports in place to meet their most immediate needs as they exit youth detention. Serious repeat offenders are identified using the department's Serious Repeat Offender Index (SROI).

On 1 March 2022, the 72-hour transition plan was established by the Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support (formally known as the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training) as an action area from the Youth Crime Taskforce (formally known as the Youth Justice Taskforce) and commenced across the state ensuring better information sharing and structured engagement of young people exiting custody.

The Staying on Track program will ensure every young offender will be given a 12-month individual rehabilitation program after detention, including at least 6 months intensive support to reintegrate them into the community and prevent them from falling into a cycle of repeat crime.

Youth Justice has only collected 72-hour plan data from July 2023 onwards. Data was collected by Queensland Police Service from 1 March 2022 to June 2023. The results below are the most recent data for the following financial years:

In total, 892 young people left detention during 2023-24. Of those, 464 were serious repeat offenders. 20 of the 464 serious repeat offenders leaving youth detention did not receive a 72-hour plan.

Data about the total number of young people leaving detention during 2024-25 are currently available up to 31 August 2024. In total, 276 young people left detention between 1 July and 31 August 2024. Of those, 131 were serious repeat offenders, all of whom received a 72-hour plan.

- b) The Staying On Track tender was released to the market on Friday, 28 February 2025 and closes on Thursday, 28 April 2025.

Staying On Track will provide a 12-month program to rehabilitate young offenders.

- c) Yes.