

Social Policy Scrutiny Committee

Youth Justice and Related Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Territory Families

1. How many Operation Flinders camps have there been to date?

There have been 7 'Operation Flinders' camps delivered to 67 young people since September 2017.

2. Can you provide a list of the 10 diversion program providers?

The following organisations deliver Youth diversion programs across the Northern Territory:

- Anglicare
- Catholic Care
- East Arnhem Shire Council
- Groote Eylandt & Milyakburra Youth Diversion Unit
- MacDonnell Regional Council
- Mala'la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation
- Relationships Australia
- Tiwi Island Regional Council
- Warlpiri Youth Development Aboriginal Corp, and
- YWCA.

In addition to these programs, Jesuit Social Services deliver Victim Offender Conferencing.

3. As discussed, in addition to the questions taken on notice it would be appreciated if you could clarify the proposed amendment to clause 11, as this was not covered off in the hearing: As noted in the Department's responses it is proposed that clause 11 be further amended to provide that subsection 24A(2) of the Bail Act 1982, read that: "an authorised member 'may' and a court 'must', to the extent practicable, take into consideration the list of criteria to be considered in bail applications for youth.

The proposed new section 24A widens the range of criteria that need to be taken into account in consideration of bail. Whilst it is appropriate for the Court to be compelled to step through each criteria, it may not be practical for a police officer to compulsorily step through each criteria even "to the extent practicable" as this may result in unnecessary legal challenge to procedural matters that take resources and attention away from responses that hold young people accountable and change behaviour.