

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Justice

1. On 31 March I lodged Written Question 331. Please provide answers to the following questions that you advised should be raised at Estimates:
 - a) For 2020, 2021 and 2022, how many children aged 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been held in detention and for how many days?
 - b) By age group, please provide the percentage of these children who were being held on remand.
 - c) During the last 24 months, for each month, please identify the communities that detainees have come from and the number of detainees from those communities.
 - d) During the past 24 months, please identify for each month the number of young people held in remand and the average length of time young people were held in remand?
 - e) During the past 24 months, please provide the number of detainees that were held in remand and then continued to be detained according to sentencing.
2. Over the past 14 months, there has been an enormous increase in the number of children at Don Dale. I understand that currently due to staff shortages there are extended periods of self-isolation.

Over the last 2 months, please provide a day by day breakdown of how many hours that detainees have spent in self isolation each day. If there is a variation between detainees please provide the hours for those held the longest in self-isolation.
3. Tasmania has announced that it will raise the age for detention to 14 years old.
 - a) Will the Northern Territory do the same?
 - b) Or what will the Northern Territory do to address the problem of locking up children who then become continual offenders?

4. For the 2022/23 budget, please provide a comparison of funding that is going into Detention centres against funding that is going into grass roots community-led initiatives for supporting young offenders?