

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Detention

Please provide the following data for the 12 months to 30 September 2022:

1. How many youths entered a detention centre who were:
 - a. Less than 12 years old at the time of admission?
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of admission?

ANSWER

- a. In the 12 months to 30 September 2022, there were 10 youths under 12 years of age who entered a detention centre.

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- b. In the 12 months to 30 September 2022, there were 254 youths aged 12 years and over who entered a detention centre.

2. Of the youths who entered a detention centre who were less than 12 years old, how many were:
 - a. On remand?
 - b. Convicted and on a sentenced period of detention?

ANSWER

- a. On each occasion, the youth under 12 years of age entered detention whilst on remand.

ANSWER

- b. None of the children under 12 years of age that entered detention in the 12 months to 30 September 2022 were sentenced to a period of detention.

3. Of the youths who entered a detention centre who were 12 years or older, how many were:
 - a. On remand?
 - b. Convicted and on a sentenced period of detention?

ANSWER

The legal status at time of entry to detention for these individuals cannot be provided in the timeframe allocated. However, during this period, the proportion of the daily average detention population who were on remand varied from 73 per cent to 85 per cent.