

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Josh Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Victim Offender Conferencing

Please provide the following data for the 12 months to 30 September 2023.

1. What was the total expenditure on Victim Offender Conferencing?

ANSWER:

From 1 January 2023 to 18 December 2023, the approximate cost was \$181,120.

2. How many youths participated in Victim Offender Conferencing who were:

- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of the conference?
- b. 12 years or older at the time of the conference?

ANSWER:

From 1 January 2023 to 18 December 2023, 20 young people over the age of 12 participated in victim offender conferencing.

No young people under the age of 12 have participated in conferencing.

3. Of the youths who participated in Victim Offender Conferencing who were less than 12 years old at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:

- a. Police
- b. Parent/guardian
- c. Other family member
- d. Government agency
- e. Non-government agency
- f. Police
- g. Court
- h. School
- i. Other

ANSWER:

Not Applicable. No young people under the age of 12 have participated in conferencing.

4. Of the youths who participated in Victim Offender Conferencing who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were referred by:

- a. Police
- b. Parent/guardian
- c. Other family member
- d. Government agency
- e. Non-government agency
- f. Police
- g. Court
- h. School
- i. Other

ANSWER:

Of the 20 young people who participated in victim offender conferencing:

- 18 were court ordered; and
- 2 were non-court referrals

5. Of the youths who participated in a victim-offender conference who were less than 12 years old at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended or reoffended?

ANSWER:

Not Applicable. No young people under the age of 12 have participated in conferencing.

6. Of the youths who participated in a victim-offender conference who were 12 years or older at the time of commencement, how many were subsequently arrested, offended or reoffended?

ANSWER:

This question is best directed to the Minister for Police