

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Burgoyne to the Minister for Police:

Victim Offender Conferencing

1. 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?

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

Answer:

The question has been reviewed by the Northern Territory Police Force and the Department of Attorney-General and Justice. The data set being asked for relates to a very small cohort of youth, therefore, to ensure an accurate response is provided the question needs to be clarified, such as:

- is the intention to identify how many 12 years or older youth were subsequently arrested/offended or reoffending *during* the Youth Diversion Program (victim/offender conference);

OR

- is the intention to identify how many 12 years or older youth were subsequently arrested/offended or reoffending *after successful completion* of the Youth Diversion program (victim/offender conference) – And if so, within what period, ie 3 months, 6 months or 12 months?.
- Note also that a youth committing an offence can also be dealt with via way of summons.