

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

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From: Member for Spillett

To: Minister for Territory Families

Portfolio: Territory Families and Urban Housing

Agency: Territory Families, Housing and Communities

Subject: Youths Attending Camps

QUESTION:

Of the 90 youths who attended various camps for the 2019-20 financial year:

- how many were sentenced to the camp by the court
- how many bailed to the camp by the court
- how many bailed to the camp by police
- how many were referred by YJ or other agencies
- How many referred by the community because they were at risk

ANSWER:

The data to respond to these questions on notice has required a manual assessment of the Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) records of every child who had a successfully linked IJIS ID. Identification of the referral source is extracted from narrative text fields, the content of which is highly variable.

Young people are referred to camps through a referral and assessment process. A young person cannot be sentenced to a camp. The court may issue orders that require a young person to obey the Community Youth Justice Officer who may direct a young person to engage in appropriate programs, such as a camp.

Through the manual assessment of client records, it has been possible to identify one young person was referred by Police, two were referred by family members and eight were referred by other service providers. Available data suggests the remaining 79 referrals were made by Youth Justice.

All young people who attend camps are identified by the referral source as being at risk of entering the youth justice system or escalating their involvement in youth crime.