

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Guyula to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Justice

1. The 23/24 budget allocated \$82 million for Youth Justice.
How much of this funding will be going to:
 - Alternatives to custody?
 - Justice reinvestment programs?
 - Community-led initiatives?
 - Early intervention programs that deal with underlying issues?
2. What Youth Justice programs that are run by local Aboriginal Organisations are funded in North East Arnhem Land? Where are they based? And how much NTG funding do they receive?
3. How many children were detained on remand on the 30th June 2022? And how many children were detained on remand on the 30th June 2023?
4. For the 22/23 financial year:-
 - a) How many children aged 10, 11, 12, and 13 have been held in detention (please provide data for each age group separately).
 - b) What was the average amount of time that children of each age group were held in detention?
 - c) What percentage of each age group were held on remand?
5. I understand from Written Question 355 and media reports that Youth Detention Centre's in the Northern Territory employ "rotational lockdowns" where whole blocks are locked down for periods due to insufficient staff and higher remand numbers.

For the 22/23 financial year:

- a) How many "rotational lockdowns" were held?
- b) Please provide a breakdown of:
 - i. On average, how many children were held in 'rotational lockdown'?
 - ii. On average, the duration of a 'rotational lockdown'?
 - iii. The maximum number of hours any 'rotational lockdown' lasted for?

c) I understand from Written Question 355 that “periods of separation” are when a child in detention is physically separated from other detainees.

For the 22/23 financial year, please provide:

- (a) how many children have experienced a “period of separation”?
- (b) the number of “periods of separation” that occurred?
- (c) the average duration of a “period of separation”?
- (d) the maximum number of hours that a child spent in a “period of separation”?