

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Josh Burgoyne to the Minister for Territory Families:

Youth Detention

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

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:

From 12 January 2023 to 11 January 2024 a total of 288 individual young people entered detention.

This includes 4 young people under the age of 12 at the time of reception prior the Northern Territory Government raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility on 1 August 2023.

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:

The legal status at the time of entry for these individuals cannot be reported. However, the majority of young people in NT detention facilities are on remand.

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:

Question 2 refers