

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Police:

Youth Arrests and Bail

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

The Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility was raised to 12 years old on 1 August 2023. Youths under 12 year old are not in any of these data sets past this date.

1. How many youths were arrested by police who were:
 - a. Less than 12 years old at the time of arrest?
14 distinct individuals. Some of these individuals may have also been arrested during the relevant time period when aged 12.
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of arrest?
449 distinct individuals. Some of these individuals may have also been arrested during the relevant time period when aged less than 12.
2. How many youths were apprehended or transported by police who were:
 - a. Less than 12 years old at the time of apprehension/transport?
24 distinct individuals, including the 14 individuals referred to at Q1a. Some of these individuals may have also been apprehended during the relevant time period when aged 12.
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of apprehension/transport?
759 distinct individuals, including the 449 individuals referred to at Q1b. Some of these individuals may have also been apprehended during the relevant time period when aged less than 12.

Note: figures given represent the number of youths who were apprehended in relation to their involvement in criminal offences, excluding any apprehensions made in the context of care and protection such as apprehension under the *Care and Protection Act 2007*, *Mental Health and Related Services Act 1998* and protective custody provisions within the *Police Administration Act 1978*.

3. How many youths were granted bail who were:

- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of being bailed?
17 distinct individuals (this includes youths who were arrested in earlier years but granted bail during the 12 months to 30 September 2023; hence, this number is greater than the number in Q1a). Some of these individuals may have also been bailed during the relevant time period when aged 12.
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of being bailed?
503 distinct individuals (this includes youths who were arrested in earlier years but granted bail during the 12 months to 30 September 2023; hence this number is greater than the number in Q1b). Some of these individuals may have also been bailed during the relevant time period when aged less than 12.
4. Of the youths granted bail who were less than 12 years old, how many were granted bail by:
 - a. Police?
Eight distinct individuals (all of these individuals were also granted bail by the Court).
 - b. Courts?
17 distinct individuals on 100 occasions (some of these individuals were also granted bail by the Police).
 5. Of the youths granted bail who were less than 12 years old, how many were in the care of Territory Families?
This question needs to be referred to Territory Families.
 6. Of the youths granted bail who were 12 years or older, how many were granted bail by:
 - a. Police?
155 distinct individuals (some of these individuals were also granted bail by the Court).
 - b. Courts?
491 distinct individuals (some of these individuals were also granted bail by the Police).
 7. Of the youths granted bail who were 12 years or older, how many were in the care of Territory Families?
This question needs to be referred to Territory Families.
 8. How many youths entered bail supported accommodation who were:

- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of being bailed?
five distinct individuals – Saltbush only¹ (some of these individuals may have also entered supported accommodation during the relevant time period when aged 12)
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of being bailed?
109 individuals – Saltbush only (some of these individuals may have also entered supported accommodation during the relevant time period when aged under 12)
9. How many youths required electronic monitoring as part of their bail conditions who were:
- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of being bailed?
7 distinct individuals (some of these individuals may have also required electronic monitoring during the relevant time period when aged 12)
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of being bailed?
224 individuals (some of these individuals may have also required electronic monitoring during the relevant time period when aged less than 12)
10. How many youths were arrested while on bail who were:
- a. Less than 12 years old at the time of being bailed?
Nine distinct individuals (some of these individuals may have also been arrested on bail during the relevant time period when aged 12)
 - b. 12 years or older at the time of being bailed?
234 distinct individuals (some of these individuals may have also been arrested on bail during the relevant time period when aged less than 12)

¹ As prescribed by Reg 2AB of the *Bail Regulations 1983*, Saltbush Social Enterprises is currently the only service provider for Supported Bail Accommodation.