

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

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To: Hon Selena Uibo

Portfolio: Attorney-General & Justice

Agency: Department of the Attorney-General and Justice

Subject: Numbers of youths arrested who have been refused bail

QUESTION:

For the last financial year, how many youths who were arrested have been refused bail?

ANSWER:

Of the 667 youth arrests in the 2019-20 financial year, 426 (64%) of the youths were refused bail on the cases for which they were arrested, either at the watch house or later by the court.

Note that individuals may have bail granted and bail refused at different times during the same case, depending on breaches and offending detected while on bail. This means that the sum of individuals refused bail and individuals granted bail will be greater than the total number of individuals. Some youths who are arrested may have neither bail nor remand recorded: these situations may involve the youth being taken home, referred for diversion, released with a warning, or charges dropped.