



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

No. 173

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mr Paech to the Minister for Corrections, Hon Gerard Maley MLA:

### Youth Justice

1. How many children and young people were held in youth correctional facilities, including watch houses, disaggregated by facility as at 30 September 2025?
  - i. Could the Minister please provide a breakdown of these numbers by individual facility and by gender, for each month from 01/07/2024 – 30/010/2025?
2. How many children and young people were held in youth correctional facilities, including watch houses, across the Northern Territory as at 31/10/2025?
3. What were the unique numbers of children and young people in youth detention facilities less than 14 years old for each month, disaggregated by month, from 30/09/2024 – 31/10/2025?
4. What was the percentage of children and young people in Holtze Youth Justice Centre on remand as at 31/10/2024 and as at 31/10/2025?
  - i. What percentage of these children and young people were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander?
5. How many unique children and young people have been transported between youth justice facilities per month from 31/10/2024 to 31/09/2025? Could the data be disaggregated by facility, reason for transfer (i.e Call Up Notice, repatriation, Leave of Absence etc).

6. What is the cost of a transfer for a child or young person from Holtze Youth Justice Centre to Alice Springs (for a call up notice or repatriation) inclusive of flights for the child, staff and incidentals? If an approximate cost cannot be provided due to fluctuating prices, can the Minister provide the amount spent on the most recent three transfers, disaggregated by date?
  
7. What is the operational staffing minimum required to operate Holtze youth justice centre each day at full capacity each shift (i.e minimum staff required on site to enable education off block, children and young people out of cell for 10 hours a day, visits/Leave of absences, court escorts)?
  - i. What is the average staffing level per shift?
  - ii. How many shifts have not reached the minimum staffing capacity between 31/10/2024 and 31/10/2025, disaggregated by month
  
8. How many instances of staff taking unplanned leave in Holtze Youth Justice Centre were there from 01/01/2025 to 31/10/2025? Could the Minister please provide a breakdown of these numbers for each month?
  
9. In how many instances have restraints been used on children and young people, disaggregated by restraint type, from 01/01/2025 to 31/10/2025?
  
10. How many complaints (white forms) have children and young people submitted from 01/01/2025 to 31/10/2025? Could the Minister please provide a breakdown of these numbers for each month, disaggregated by facility? Can the Minister provide the data disaggregated by outcome of complaint?
  
11. How many rotational lockdowns have occurred per accommodation block in Holtze Youth Justice Centre each month from 01/01/2025 – 31/10/2025?

12. How many cells at Holtze Youth Justice Centre are currently double bunking children and young people as at 31/10/2024 and at 31/10/2025?
13. How many children and young people have current and complete throughcare plans, disaggregated by each facility, as at 31/10/2025?
14. How many face-to-face legal visits for children and young people have been cancelled by the Department between 31/10/2024 and 31/10/2025? Could the data be disaggregated by month and reason for cancellation?
15. How many referrals has the Youth Diversion Program received since its commencement? Could the data be disaggregated by tier, section (of the Act), age, gender and location?
16. How many children and young people have successfully completed a youth diversion program since the program commenced?
17. How many young people did not successfully complete the youth diversion program since it commenced?
18. How many young people are actively engaged in the youth diversion program as at 31/10/2025?
19. How many children and young people are accommodated in bail support facilities as at 31/10/2025? Could the data be disaggregated by:
  - i. Darwin
    - Age
    - Gender
    - Aboriginal status
  - ii. Alice Springs
    - Age

- Gender
  - Aboriginal status
- iii. Tennant Creek
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Aboriginal status

20. How many children and young people were engaged in a youth boot camp as at 31/10/2025? Could the data be disaggregated by:

- i. Darwin
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Aboriginal status
- ii. Alice Springs
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Aboriginal status
- iii. Tennant Creek
  - Age
  - Gender
  - Aboriginal status

21. As at 31/10/2025, how many children and young people engaged in youth boot camps were:

- i. On bail
- ii. Sentenced to a ministerial approved program
- iii. Ordered under an alternative detention order
- iv. Referred through youth diversion

22. As at 31/10/2025, could the Minister provide a list and number of the youth boot camp-based programs currently active, disaggregated by and including but not limited to:

- a) Darwin
  - i. Residential support
  - ii. Cultural camps
  - iii. Case Management
  - iv. Education and VET

- v. Restorative practices
  - vi. Therapeutic and behavioral programs
  - vii. Mentoring and family support.
- b) Alice Springs
- i. Residential support
  - ii. Cultural camps
  - iii. Case Management
  - iv. Education and VET
  - v. Restorative practices
  - vi. Therapeutic and behavioral programs
  - vii. Mentoring and family support.
- c) Tennant Creek
- i. Residential support
  - ii. Cultural camps
  - iii. Case Management
  - iv. Education and VET
  - v. Restorative practices
  - vi. Therapeutic and behavioral programs
  - vii. Mentoring and family support.

## **ANSWER**

The information sought is already outlined in detail in the **2024–25 Annual Reports** tabled in the Assembly, which provide the full and verified account of agency operations and performance.

Requesting that agencies recalculate or re-compile this material outside the established reporting cycle would create an **unreasonable and unnecessary burden**, given that these figures have already been audited and published.

Any further technical or granular matters beyond what is contained in the Annual Reports are most appropriately examined through the **Estimates Committee process**, where agencies appear to provide additional clarification.