

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

## WRITTEN QUESTION

Mrs Finocchiaro to the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services:

**New Youth Bail Laws**

Please answer all of the following questions with respect to the period from 15 May 2021 (the date the new youth bail laws commenced) to 1 August 2021.

*Note: youth data is extracted on the first day of each month for reporting. Data as at 1 August 2021. Later data for this period may change slightly due to additional data entry.*

**1. How many youths were arrested? (number of youths)**

100.

**2. How many arrests were made of youth offenders? (number of arrests)**

122.

**3. For those youths who were arrested on more than one occasion, please provide a breakdown of the numbers of youths who were arrested twice, three times, four times etc up to the maximum number of times a youth was arrested?**

Number of times arrested	Number of youths
2	9
3	5
4	1

**4. How many arrests were made of youth offenders who were already on bail at the time of their arrest?**

62 arrests.

**5. For the arrests made of youth offenders already on bail, how many were subsequently bailed again?**

44 instances.

**6. How many youths were arrested for breach of bail? (number of youths)**

*Note for questions 6 and 7. Breach of bail records are recorded against the case(s) breached. The apprehension type (arrest or summons) refers to original apprehension for the breached cases, not the action taken on the breach. For this reason, all breaches of bail undertakings are included in the answers below.*

14 youths allegedly committed a breach of bail undertaking.

**7. How many arrests were made of youth offenders for breach of bail? (number of arrests)**

14 instances.

*Note for questions 8 and 9: This includes arrests of youths during the period 15 May – 31 July 2021 for offences committed on bail prior to 15 May 2021.*

**8. How many youths were arrested for fresh offences committed whilst on bail? (number of youths)**

46 youths.

**9. How many arrests were made of youth offenders for fresh offences committed whilst on bail? (number of arrests)**

60 arrests.

**10. How many youths were bailed with electronic monitoring conditions?**

Bail conditions are recorded in free text, obtaining the requested information in the timeframe would be an unreasonable impediment on operations.

**11. How many youths were bailed with a curfew condition?**

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**12. How many youths were bailed with both an electronic monitoring and a curfew condition?**

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*Note for questions 13-16: Serious breach of bail records are recorded against the case(s) breached. The apprehension type (arrest or summons) refers to original apprehension for the breached cases, not the action taken on the breach. For this reason, all serious breaches of bail alleged by Police during the time period are included in the following answers.*

**13. How many youths were arrested for a serious breach of bail? Please provide a breakdown of the number arrested by the types of serious breaches of bail, namely breach of bail-being charged with a prescribed offence, breach of bail condition-electronic monitoring and breach of bail condition-curfew.**

Police alleged that 33 youths had committed a serious breach of bail.

- 22 youths for prescribed offence.
- 24 youths for electronic monitoring or curfew breach.
- 13 youths allegedly committed both types.

**14. How many arrests were made of youth for a serious breach of bail? Please provide a breakdown of the number of arrests by the types of serious breaches of bail, namely breach of bail-being charged with a prescribed offence, breach of bail condition-electronic monitoring and breach of bail condition-curfew.**

There were 54 instances of serious breaches of bail.

- 29 instances of a serious breach involving a prescribed offence.
- 36 instances of a serious breach involving an electronic monitoring or curfew breach.
- 11 instances that involved both types of serious breaches of bail.

**15. Where an arrest was made for a serious breach of bail, how many went on to be bailed? Please indicate if bailed by police or the courts.**

48 Police events (e.g. in a single event, Police might deal with a youth for several serious breaches of bail).

- Police granted bail in one (1) of the 48 events.
- The courts granted bail in 18 of the 48 events.

**16. For those youth offenders arrested for a serious breach of bail, how many were found NOT to be a serious breach of bail because they were considered to be trivial, technical or exceptional circumstances?**

The Integrated Justice Information System (IJIS) is undergoing upgrades to capture the requested data. As the upgrades are in progress, the information cannot be provided at this time.

**For questions 15 and 16, please advise which agency is capturing the data in relation to whether a youth has committed a serious breach of bail and whether there were found to be trivial, technical or exceptional circumstances.**

The NT Police record data on serious breaches of bail. The NT Police or the Department of the Attorney-General and Justice (Courts) will record whether serious breaches were found to be trivial, technical, or exceptional.