

JUVENILE DETENTION CENTRES

161. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) What is the current juvenile detention centre muster?
- (2) What number (expressed both as a raw figure and percentage) of juvenile offenders entering detention between 1 November 2008 and the present time:
 - (a) were indigenous;
 - (b) had a diagnosed mental illness;
 - (c) were intellectually disabled;
 - (d) were recorded as having no fixed abode at the time of their sentencing;
 - (e) were under care and protection orders (in state care); and
 - (f) were sentenced for a crime subject to a maximum penalty of two years or less?

Hon J.M. Francis replied:

- (1) As at 7 May 2013, the juvenile detention population was 184.
- (2)
 - (a) 5684 or 61.94% of juvenile offenders entering detention between 1 November 2008 and 7 May 2013 were Indigenous.
 - (b)–(c) This information is not recorded in a matter that is easily retrievable. This information is not contained in any electronic form and would require the Department to look at every individual file of a detainee from 1 November 2008 to present.
 - (d) Only 17 cases of ‘No Fixed Abode’ are recorded. If WA addresses (excluding Aboriginal Community addresses) with a known town/suburb but without a street name are included, the number increases to 102 or 1.11%.
 - (e) Of the 9176 juvenile offenders entering detention between 1 November 2008 and 7 May 2013, 970 (10.57%) were under care and protection orders (in state care).
 - (f) 1,369 offenders or 14.92% (excluding Fine Default Only cases but including Suspension/Cancellation Early Release Order) were sentenced for a crime subject to a maximum penalty of two years or less.