

JUVENILE JUSTICE — MUSTER

2466. 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?

Mr J.M. Francis replied:

The Department of Corrective Services advises:

- (1) As at 2400 hours on 26 June 2014, the juvenile detention population was 150.
- (2) There were 10,926 youth detainee receptions between 1 November 2008 and 26 June 2014. Please note that where the detainee was received more than once each reception is counted.
 - (a) 6,802 receptions or 62.26%.
 - (b) 23 juveniles currently in custody are diagnosed with a mental illness.

This information is not recorded in a manner that is easily retrievable and therefore it is not possible to accurately identify those prisoners who have a diagnosed mental illness.

Defining mental illness is not a perfect science therefore accurate numbers cannot be given because “mental health” encompasses:

Severe psychotic illness

Depression and mania

Personality disorder

Drug abuse and addictions (including post-alcoholic)

Cognitive impairment

Anxiety and post trauma stress disorder
 - (c) The Department advises that this data is not available.
 - (d) 20 receptions or 0.18% 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 125 receptions or 1.14%.
 - (e) 1 103 receptions or 10.10% (Current as at 10 July 2014, data extraction date). Note that this information can change over time. Only current status information is available. i.e. Historical data is unavailable).
 - (f) 1 687 receptions or 15.44% excluding Fine Default Only receptions but including Suspension/Cancellation Early Release Order. Fine default only receptions are excluded as the time in prison is a conversion of the dollar amount of the fine, rather than a sentence.