

JUVENILE OFFENDERS — RECIDIVISM RATES

496. Mr P. Papalia to the Minister for Corrective Services

- (1) What percentage of juvenile offenders re-offend having completed their first custodial sentence and;
  - (a) breaking this figure down, what is the rate for indigenous juvenile offenders; and
  - (b) what is the rate for non-indigenous juvenile offenders?
- (2) What percentage of juvenile offenders enter the adult custodial system having completed their sentence in the juvenile custodial system, what percentage of juvenile offenders re-offend as adults in such a way that leads to adult custodial sentences?

Mr C.C. PORTER replied:

- (1) (a)-(b) This data is not readily available as the Department of Corrective Services is only able to generate reports that provide rates of return for those juvenile detainees who are released and subsequently re-offend resulting only in a new custodial sentence. (i.e. juvenile offenders who are given suspended sentences, fines and good behaviour bonds cannot be identified by the Department)
- (2) Of the 572 juvenile individuals released during the period 1/1/2005 to 31/1/2009 after serving a juvenile sentence of detention, 154 (33.4%) were imprisoned under a new non-fine-default adult custodial sentence during the period 1/1/2005 to 31/1/2009.