

JUVENILE OFFENDERS — MENTAL HEALTH TESTING

4264. Hon Alison Xamon to the Minister for Finance representing the Minister for Corrective Services

I refer to young people who come to the attention of the juvenile justice system in Western Australia, and ask —

- (1) Are data routinely collected on the mental health of these individuals?
- (2) If no to (1), why not?
- (3) If yes to (1), for each year since 2008 can the Minister please provide —
 - (a) the percentage of individuals identified as having a mental illness;
 - (b) the type of mental illness; and
 - (c) the number of individuals suffering from each type of mental illness?
- (4) Are data routinely collected on the intellectual capacity (specifically the IQ) of these individuals?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?
- (6) If yes to (4), for each year since 2008 can the Minister please provide the percentage of individuals with an IQ score —
 - (a) over 85;
 - (b) 71 to 85; and
 - (c) below 71?
- (7) What other assessments are undertaken to collect information about individuals who come to the attention of the juvenile justice system?
- (8) If the data referred to in (1) and (4) is not routinely collected, does the Minister agree that this information would be extremely useful in developing appropriate juvenile justice interventions?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

- (1)–(7) Please refer to Legislative Assembly question on notice 4187.
- (8) Yes. Work is underway to implement reporting systems to extract information from the Department's Electronic Health Record Online System (ECHO).