

YOUTH DETENTION — 10–13-YEAR-OLD CHILDREN

1224. Hon Dr Brad Pettitt to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Corrective Services:

- (1) How many children aged 10, 11, 12 and 13 years, respectively, were in detention or on community corrections orders in Western Australia in 2021–2022?
- (2) How many children aged 10, 11, 12 and 13 years, respectively, have been in detention or on community corrections orders in Western Australia in 2022–2023 to date?
- (3) How many children in (1) were also recorded as in the care of the CEO of the Department of Communities in Western Australia?
- (4) How many children in (2) have been also recorded as in the care of the CEO of the Department of Communities in Western Australia?

**Hon Matthew Swinbourn replied:**

- (1) Age 10: 39  
Age 11: 102  
Age 12: 198  
Age 13: 344
- (2) Age 10: 39  
Age 11: 80  
Age 12: 161  
Age 13: 275
- (3) 43
- (4) 37

\* For the purposes of this question on notice, the count of distinct young people is limited to those that had one or more of the following contact types during the year:

Detention: the young person was held in detention.

Community Order: the young person was managed in the community on an order.

Diversion: The act of steering young people away from the formal criminal justice system. This includes those referred to Juvenile Justice Teams and Court Conferencing Orders.

The age of the young person is based on their age as of the first contact of the specified types in the financial year.  
CEO Care is based on the care status of the young person for that first contact in the financial year.