

Questions taken on notice

6 March 2024

ISSUE: Minimum age of crim responsibility

- (Sue Higginson): how many young people are in custody?

As at 28 February:

Under 16 years – 77 in detention

Under 14 years – 12 in detention

Under 12 years – zero in detention

Total young people - 228 in detention

ISSUE: Sexual assault matters

- (Tania Mihailuk): Over last 5 years, how many times did the DPP make public comments in response to a judgment?

Two media releases issued, according to the Office of the DPP's website.

ISSUE: DPP

- (Susan Carter) Have you issued any guidelines under the DPP Act?

No

- (Susan Carter) When did you last consult or meet with the DPP under s 25 of the DPP Act?

Section 25 of the DPP Act provides for a specific avenue for the Director and Attorney General to consult on matters with respect to the exercise of the Director's functions.

Meetings with the Director may also occur, as they do with all other stakeholders, outside of the scope of this provision.

I have regular meetings with the Director of Public Prosecutions, as I do with many legal and other stakeholders. I last met with the Director of Public Prosecutions on 31 January.

ISSUE: DPP & Prasad directions

- (Tania Mihailuk): In the last 5 years, how many cost certificates were awarded against ODPD regarding sexual assault?

FY23: 21 matters (where costs were awarded)

FY22: 20 matters

FY21: 9 matters

FY20: 32 matters

FY19: 21 matters

- When a cost certificate is awarded, where in the Budget does that come out from?

The budget for costs is from the consolidated fund.

- What is the formal process for notifying your Office?

There is no formal process for notifying the Attorney General's office - the department administers the process.