

## DETAINEE TRANSFERS

Question: The Hon Peter Breen to Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration) –

1. “First, the number of detainees who have gone before the committee or before the court and who have been refused. (In the last twelve months) And, “Second, how many have been approved; and (Third) the traffic back the other way from mainstream prison to the juvenile justice system.”

### Answer

1. & 2.

Administratively transferred to prison pursuant to Section 28	= 2
Administrative transfers which did not proceed on advice from JAC	= 1
Applications to court for transfer (successful) *	= 0
Applications to court for transfer (unsuccessful) *	= 1
Applications to court for transfer, later withdrawn by DJJ	= 1
* Decisions currently before court pending an outcome	= 2

3. Number of inmates transferred from DCS to DJJ = 1

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## LIDCOMBE CHILDREN'S COURT

Question: Ms Cusack to Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration) –

2. “Was a hostage taken during that Lidcombe Court incident?”

### **Answer**

1. At no time did detainees take anyone as a hostage.

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## NUMBER OF STATE WARDS IN CUSTODY

**Question:** Mr Tingle to Minister for Juvenile Justice, Minister for Western Sydney, and Minister Assisting the Minister for Infrastructure and Planning (Planning Administration)

(1) How many State wards are in custody?

(2) Are they increasing or decreasing?

### ANSWER

Since 18 December 2000 the term “State ward” no longer applies under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*. Wardship orders have been abolished in favour of “parental responsibility” orders. These orders allow the Court to allocate specific aspects of parental responsibilities to different parties (including the Minister for Community Services) if necessary.

Legal issues over the exchange of client information between Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and Department of Community Services (DoCS) has prevented reliable information on a client’s DoCS status being systematically recorded by DJJ.

DJJ and DoCS have been working collaboratively to improve service delivery to children and young people who are shared clients. A planned strategy has been to conduct a client data match so that the number, location and characteristics of shared clients may be known.

Data regarding the numbers of children and young people who are under the parental responsibility of the Minister for Community Services will be available following a manual data match. Further, DJJ staff will, on an ongoing basis, record a child’s DoCS status on the DJJ client data system. This will enable data to be compared over time to determine whether the number of shared clients is increasing or decreasing.

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