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Ms Jenny Mannering
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Joint Sessional Committee

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Dear Ms Mannering

In response to your request for additional information following the Joint Sessional Committee on Monday 19 August 2024.

The following questions were asked:

- 1) Please provide data, broken down by each age group from 10-18:
 - a. Incidents of 10-18 year olds charged/brought into custody by Tasmania Police, by single year of age, 7 December 2023 to 19 August 2024.
 - b. Incidents of 10-18 year olds charged/brought into custody by Tasmania Police, by time in custody, 7 December 2023 to 19 August 2024.
- 2) Please provide a breakdown of numbers of children/young people who have contacted the Arch Centre, and how many of these are within State care (OOHC or youth detention)?
- 3) Did investigations undertaken by Tasmania Police of alleged perpetrators on Ashley Youth Detention Centre staff who were identified in the Commission Final Report, seek evidence or take formal statements from those AYDC staff members who had made workplace reports of those alleged perpetrators? If not, why not?

The following response is provided, with appropriate explanatory advice.

1).

- a. Incidents of 10-18 year olds charged/brought into custody by Tasmania Police, by single year of age, 7 December 2023 to 18 August 2024

	Age Bracket	
Single Year of Age	10-14	15-18
11	4	
12	29	
13	44	
14	98	
15		93
16		140
17		205
18		283
Total	175	721

Source: *Tasmania Police Online Charging System, as at 19/08/2024*

- b. Incidents of 10-18 year olds charged/brought into custody by Tasmania Police, by time in custody, 7 December 2023 to 18 August 2024

	Age Bracket	
Time in Custody	10-14	15-18
< 1 Hour	134	505
1-2 Hours	16	119
2-3 Hours	3	9
3-5 Hours	1	9
6-10 Hours	2	12
11-23 Hours	4	4
1-2 Days	2	9
> 2 Days		2
Detained for Court	8	42
Unknown	5	10
Total	175	721

Source: *Tasmania Police Online Charging System, as at 19/08/2024*

Statistical notes for a) and b):

- The statistics provided herein report on persons charged or brought into custody by Tasmania Police. While this may be defined as 'detained' in custody, it does not qualify as detention as defined in the *Youth Justice Act 1997*, as provided earlier in this response. The statistics are not related to upcoming changes to the minimum age of detention, as that age relates only to the Youth Justice Act definition of detention.
- Age has been calculated as at the date of the offence committed/initiating incident, as per the *Youth Justice Act 1997*.

2). This information is not requested from children/young people who contact the Arch Centre and is therefore not retained in Tasmania Police systems.

3). In the course of its inquiry, the Commission utilised S34A of the *Commissions of Inquiry Act 1995* to refer information to Tasmania Police. Tasmania Police undertook appropriate analysis of all information provided, including talking to potential witnesses, interviewing witnesses, taking statements and other investigative channels.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Felix Ellis', is written over the printed name.

Hon Felix Ellis MP

Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

30/8/2024