

What survey?

Last year, teachers and the Community Visitors (CVs) from the Commission asked young people in detention to do a survey on what they think about their lives in detention.

This report explains what young people in detention had to say. We have also written a longer report for the government about your comments and suggestions.

Who answered the survey?

110 young people which is almost nine in every ten who were in detention at the time. Of these young people:

- 17 were girls and 93 were boys
- 36 were from Cleveland Youth Detention Centre and 74 from Brisbane Youth Detention Centre
- The average age was 16 years
- 66 were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander background
- 69 had been in detention for less than three months - the rest had been there longer
- 54 were on remand and 56 had been sentenced
- The average number of times in detention was 3 to 4
- 18 were in the care of the Department of Communities (Child Safety)
- 17 had been homeless before coming into detention