

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 21st JUNE 2021**

Question

Further to Written Question 280/2021, will the Minister –

- (a) explain the reasons for the rise in the number of juveniles who have been stopped and searched by police in Jersey between 2016 and 2020, with particular reference to the sharp increase in stop-and-searches recorded between 2019 and 2020; and
- (b) state whether any of the recorded stop-and-searches involve the same children being stopped more than once and, if so, how many times such children were each stopped and searched?

Answer

- (a) The figures for stop and search relate to police powers and activity for both stolen and prohibited items, as well as controlled drugs. There has been a well-documented focus on the actions of some young people over the last couple of years, actions that have resulted in a number of police operations and the associated use of stop and search powers. All of this recent work and focus has contributed to the increase over the last couple of years.
- (b) Over the period 2016-2020 inclusive, a number of young people have been stopped and searched on more than one occasion:
 - 26 young people have been stopped and searched on 2 separate occasions
 - 9 young people have been stopped and searched on 3 separate occasions
 - 6 young people have been stopped and searched on 4 separate occasions
 - 3 young people have been stopped and searched on 5 separate occasions
 - 5 young people have been stopped and searched on between 7 and 11 separate occasions
 - 1 young person has been stopped and searched on 32 separate occasions