

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**Question**

“Will the Minister provide the number of cases involving child abuse that were reported to the States of Jersey police during the period 2019 to 2023; and will she advise how many led to prosecutions and convictions?”

**Answer**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total
All recorded offences <sup>i</sup>	137	92	104	97	101	531
Charged for Court or warned to Parish Hall Enquiry (PHE)	20	14	14	16	14	78
Conviction (any sanction at Court or PHE)	14	9	10	12	3	48

Notes:

- Police record all reports received as a separate incident (for example, for 2023 there were 101 individual recorded reports of offences– some of which are likely to involve multiple reports for one victim or one suspect).
- The number of charges/prosecution relates to the number of cases (some of which could have been reported during the previous years) that would have met the Evidential threshold and the Public Interest test. Not all reported cases meet the criteria – most of the offences on the list, if not all, are now subject of LOD decision on charge/prosecution.
- Each conviction relates to a specific offence rather than the offender – so it can be that multiple offences/convictions relate to one defendant/offender.

<sup>i</sup> All recorded offences included as below:

Abduction

Abduction of child

Abuse of trust by a sexual act against a female child

Article 35 Sexual Offences (Jersey) law 2018 - Voyeurism

Causing a child to be present during a sexual act

Causing a child to watch a sexual act

Causing or inciting a sexual act with a female child 12 or younger

Causing or inciting a sexual act with a male child 12 or younger

Causing or inciting a sexual act with an older female child

Causing or inciting a sexual act with an older male child

Causing sexual act without consent

Cruelty/neglect of children (Art. 9 Children's [Jersey] Law)

Gross indecency

Gross indecency with child

Incite to commit a sexual act

Indecent assault on a female

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Indecent assault on male  
Indecent exposure  
Other sexual offences  
Possess/distribute indecent images of child  
Rape of a female  
Rape of a female child aged 12 or younger  
Rape of a male  
Rape of a male child aged 12 or younger  
Sexual grooming of a female child  
Sexual penetration of a female child aged 12 or younger  
Sexual Penetration of a female without consent  
Sexual penetration of a male child aged 12 or younger  
Sexual touching of a female child aged 12 or younger  
Sexual touching of a male child aged 12 or younger  
Sexual touching of a male without consent  
Sexual touching of female without consent  
Unlawful sexual act between children  
Unlawful sexual intercourse with an older female child  
Unlawful sexual penetration of an older female child  
Unlawful sexual penetration of an older male child  
Unlawful sexual touching of an older female child  
Unlawful sexual touching of an older male child  
USI girl under 13 yrs.  
USI girl under 16 yrs.  
Voyeurism