

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th JUNE 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide –

- (a) a table showing the number of children stopped and searched by States of Jersey Police Officers over the last 5 years, with the figures broken down into those aged between 10 to 15 and 16 to 18, stating in each case the reasons for the stop-and-search and whether the individual was arrested, given words of advice or referred for prosecution; and
- (b) details of any requirements for the use of body worn cameras when conducting such stop-and-searches?

**Answer**

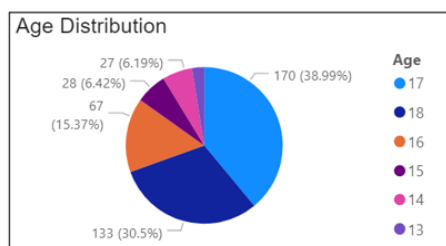
- (a) Please see below.

We are unable to provide, in the timescales allowed, data giving the exact reasons why an individual was stopped and whether they were given words of advice or were arrested and subsequently prosecuted. The information is within the IT systems but would require 436 records to be redacted for sensitive personal data before release and also to be married up with the custody and crime recording databases.

**Juveniles Stopped & Searched by Year**

Year	Count
2016	10
2017	28
2018	35
2019	106
2020	257
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>

**Age & Sex Statistics**



Age	Count
17	170
18	133
16	67
15	28
14	27
13	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>

Average Age  
**17**

Age (groups)	Count
16-18	370
10-15	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>436</b>

Sex	%GT Count
F	14.22%
M	85.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

- (b) The Body Worn Camera Policy provides guiding principles to Officers. These are:

- The camera must be switched on when footage might support professional observation or would corroborate what would be written in a pocket notebook

- The decision to record or not to record any incident remains with the user
- The user should be mindful that the failure to record any incident of evidential value may require explanation in court.