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Reduced child and youth offending

LEAD MINISTER

Hon Karen Chhour, Minister for Children

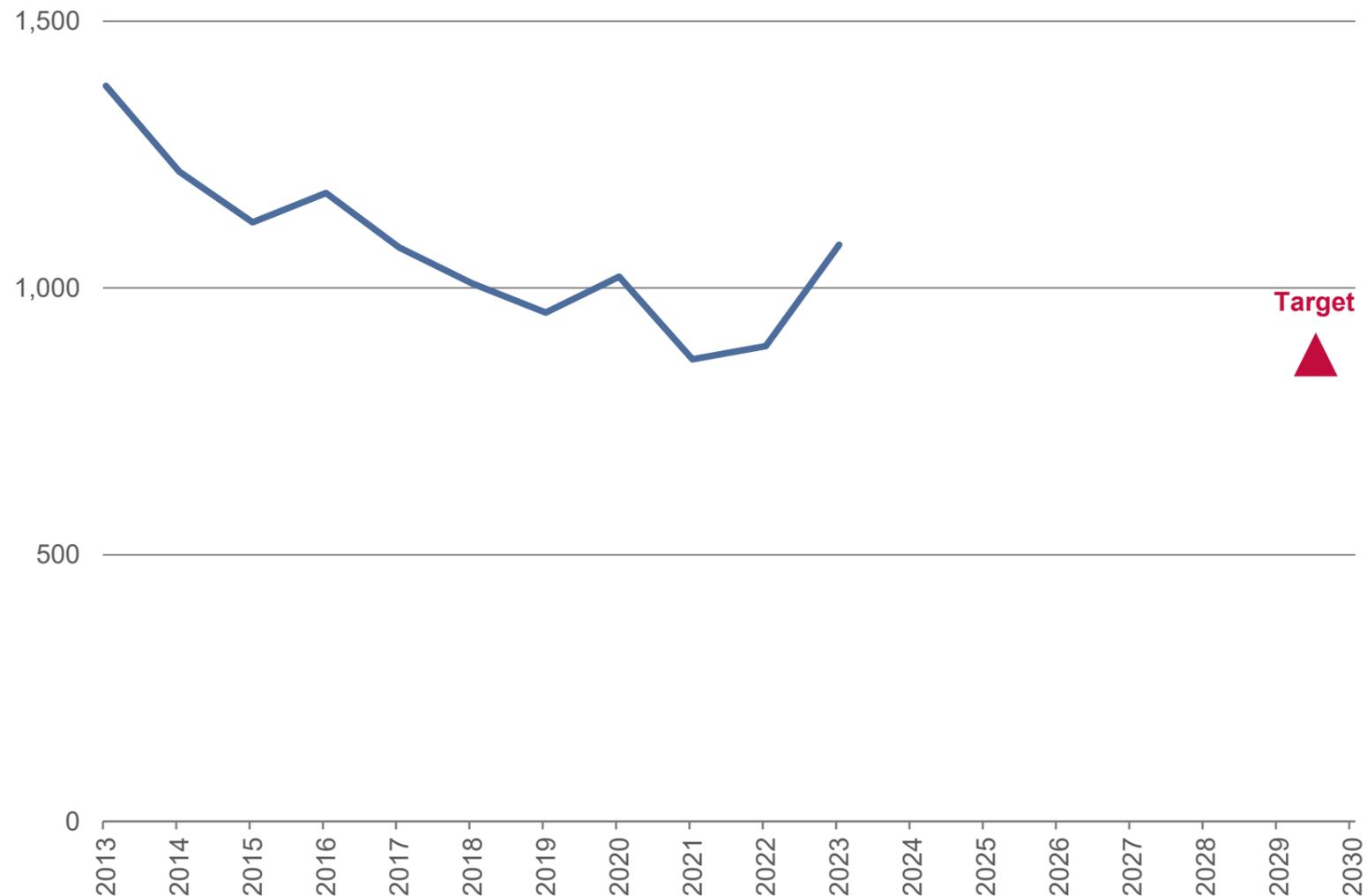
LEAD AGENCY

Oranga Tamariki, Secretary for Children,
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WHAT IS THE TARGET?

Fifteen per cent reduction in the total number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour.

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WHY IS IT NEEDED AND WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT?

We want to be a country that nurtures the potential of each and every young person.

That requires safer communities, strong and secure families and young people who are supported to grow up to be the best versions of themselves.

Currently there are 1,100 children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour.

We need to hold young offenders to account, while supporting them to address the issues that contribute to their offending. Over the last six years there has been a 291 per cent increase in ram raids. In 2023, over 85 per cent of the offenders were younger than 18.

By 2029 our goal is a 15 per cent drop in the number of children and young people with serious and persistent offending behaviour – approximately 900 children and young people in total.

While the Government is moving to put in place tougher consequences for young offenders, we are also focussing on getting our young people back on track.

HOW WILL WE KEEP TRACK?

We will collect data and statistics on youth crime rates and report quarterly on progress through New Zealand Police data.

We will track the success of the Fast Track programme, and when implemented, we will measure the success of the military style academies.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

For information on the Government Targets go to www.dpmc.govt.nz