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Governor apologises for historic massacre as Police Minister blames 'generational dysfunction' for out-of-control crime wave

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Governor Chris Dawson will today apologise for the historic Pinjarra massacre of Bindjareb Noongar people

led by his predecessor James Stirling in the hope the official response 200 years later would be a "significant step along the pathway to meaningful reconciliation". The landmark statement

by the former chief commissioner comes as Police Minister Reece Whitby declared "generational dysfunction" suffered by Indigenous kids was to blame for a crime wave in the north west.

Mr Whitby said kids as young as 10 running amok in the Kimberley should not be incarcerated for their crimes but instead given "a feed" and "a basketball" to keep them occupied. Kimberley

District Supt John Hutchison said 29 youngsters had been arrested in the past week over a spate of car thefts, pursuits and burglaries.

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