

**Question on Notice
No. 1030
Asked on 2 September 2004**

MRS STUCKEY asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE)-

QUESTION:

With reference to the provision of dental services to prisoners within Queensland Correctional Centres-

(1) What was the total number of occasions that private dental services have been engaged / utilised to provide dental services to prisoners in Queensland's Correctional Centres for 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (reported separately)?

(2) What was the total cost of engaging / utilising private dental services to treat prisoners in Queensland's Correctional Centres for 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 (reported separately)?

(3) What is the current waiting time for dental services for each correctional centre in Queensland (reported separately)?

ANSWER:

(1) - (2) Lotus Glen Correctional Centre is the only centre that regularly utilises private dental services. In other correctional centres, dental services to prisoners are obtained from Queensland Health. However, some prisoners request private dental treatment at their own expense under the private treatment provisions of the *Corrective Services Act 2000*. The number of occasions and the total cost of engaging/utilising private dental services to treat prisoners at Lotus Glen Correctional Centre is as follows:

Year	Number Of Occasions	Total Cost
2001-2002	831	\$46,675
2002-2003	544	\$53,100
2003-2004	534	\$52,268

(3) I refer the Member to my answer to Question on Notice 371.