

**Question on Notice  
No. 1023  
Asked on Tuesday, 8 June 2010**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS) —

**QUESTION:**

What was the approved bed capacity each month for each Queensland correctional facility (reported separately by each facility) for the last 12 months and what was the actual number of prisoners allocated to each correctional facility each month?

**ANSWER:**

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) actively manages the challenge of prisoner numbers with strategies that include the transfer of suitable prisoners to other centres to minimise the overcrowding and the development of a system of managing placement of the prisoner population to align the number of units in use at any given time to the number of prisoners in the system to maximise efficiency.

To plan for the future, the Government has completed the following capital works projects, including:-

- an 180 bed expansion of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre;
- a refurbishment of Brisbane Correctional Centre which has been refurbished and expanded by 216 beds;
- an expansion of the Townsville Men's Correctional Centre by 144 beds; and
- a new 150 women's centre in Townsville to accommodate women in the northern part of the State

Projects under construction include:-

- an \$445 million expansion and redevelopment of the Lotus Glen Correctional Centre which commenced in 2008-2009 which will increase its capacity by 300 beds to a total of 696; and
- an \$485.1 million South East Queensland Correctional Precinct at Gatton. The first stage of this development is the construction of a new 300 bed women's prison.

The works at Gatton and Lotus Glen, when complete, will place QCS in a good position to accommodate current and forecast needs into the future.

Under the former National Party government in 1997-98 the capacity of Queensland's correctional centres was 4,015. The actual average daily total number of prisoners was 4,586. This was approximately 14 % above built capacity.

As at 5 July 2010, the actual daily total number of prisoners was 5,590. The capacity of Queensland's correctional centres was 6,686. This is approximately 16% below built capacity.

The following table provides the approved bed capacity and the actual number of prisoners as an average daily state for each correctional facility for the last 12 months.

	Jun-09		Jul-09		Aug-09		Sep-09		Oct-09		Nov-09	
	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners
<b>Secure Facilities</b>												
Arthur Gorrie CC	890	851	890	851	890	851	890	849	890	846	890	849
Borallon CC	492	484	492	477	492	472	492	482	492	465	492	459
Brisbane CC	540	350	540	360	540	347	540	330	540	375	540	407
Brisbane Womens CC	258	287	258	268	258	270	258	279	258	267	258	273
Capricornia CC	402	352	402	342	402	330	402	335	402	342	402	382
Lotus Glen CC	396	518	396	512	396	505	396	507	396	488	396	512
Maryborough CC	500	434	500	412	500	427	500	426	500	434	500	443
Townsville CC (Male)	303	426	503	418	503	416	503	432	503	430	503	455
Townsville Womens CC	154	85	154	79	154	81	154	85	154	88	154	89
Wolston CC	600	541	550	544	550	543	550	539	550	538	550	539
Woodford CC	788	699	788	647	788	611	788	591	580	509	580	462
<b>Total Secure</b>	<b>5323</b>	<b>5027</b>	<b>5473</b>	<b>4912</b>	<b>5473</b>	<b>4855</b>	<b>5473</b>	<b>4854</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>4782</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>4870</b>

<b>Low Security Facilities</b>												
Capricornia CC (Farm)	86	59	86	76	86	74	86	68	86	68	86	63
Darling Downs CC	140	110	140	132	140	131	140	112	140	103	140	109
Helana Jones CCC	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0
Helana Jones CCC (WORK)	0	28	0	32	0	27	0	26	0	24	0	28
Lotus Glen CC (Farm)	100	93	100	95	100	95	100	90	100	94	100	94
Numinbah CC (Female)	25	22	25	23	25	24	25	23	25	25	25	24
Numinbah CC (Male)	104	101	104	101	104	100	104	100	104	95	104	93
Palen Creek CC	120	103	120	115	120	113	120	103	120	109	120	103
Townsville CC (Male Farm)	60	43	60	43	60	38	60	32	60	36	60	45
<b>Total Low</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>601</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>554</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>559</b>

	Dec-09		Jan-10		Feb-10		Mar-10		Apr-10		May-10	
	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners	Approved Beds	Number of Prisoners
<b>Secure Facilities</b>												
Arthur Gorrie CC	890	841	890	847	890	841	890	844	890	837	890	806
Borallon CC	492	458	492	473	492	485	492	487	492	484	492	469
Brisbane CC	540	406	540	406	540	418	540	463	540	500	540	490
Brisbane Womens CC	258	262	258	274	258	287	258	296	258	298	258	290
Capricornia CC	402	387	402	387	402	393	402	399	402	392	402	367
Lotus Glen CC	396	514	396	515	396	518	396	525	396	522	396	510
Maryborough CC	500	458	500	471	500	471	500	484	500	484	500	460
Townsville CC (Male)	503	450	503	445	503	457	503	454	503	454	439	438
Townsville Womens CC	154	86	154	80	154	79	154	84	154	81	154	82
Wolston CC	550	539	550	538	550	535	550	537	550	541	600	523
Woodford CC	580	461	580	468	580	508	580	537	580	543	788	527
<b>Total Secure</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>4862</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>4905</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>4992</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>5111</b>	<b>5265</b>	<b>5137</b>	<b>5459</b>	<b>4963</b>

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Capricornia CC (Farm)	86	54	86	54	86	47	86	44	86	41	86	46
Darling Downs CC	140	112	140	104	140	103	140	99	140	88	140	80
Helana Jones CCC	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0	25	0
Helana Jones CCC (WORK)	0	31	0	30	0	32	0	31	0	29	0	30
Lotus Glen CC (Farm)	100	95	100	96	100	96	100	95	100	98	100	94
Numinbah CC (Female)	25	24	25	25	25	23	25	23	25	25	25	24
Numinbah CC (Male)	104	93	104	89	104	86	104	85	104	82	104	88
Palen Creek CC	120	105	120	96	120	93	120	93	120	97	120	90
Townsville CC (Male Farm)	60	47	60	39	60	49	60	53	60	36	60	28
<b>Total Low</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>660</b>	<b>481</b>