

**Question on Notice  
No. 665  
Asked on Thursday, 12 September 2013**

MR BYRNE asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY) -

**QUESTION:**

With reference to Queensland's Correctional Centres- Will the Minister provide,

- (a) a detailed list of all correctional centres (both high and low security);
- (b) current capacity at each centre (listed separately);
- (c) current prisoner population at each centre (listed separately); and
- (d) current staffing levels at each centre (listed separately, broken down by job categories)?

**ANSWER:**

The capacity of Queensland correctional centres and prisoner configuration is managed centrally to ensure safe, secure and cost-effective use of infrastructure and services.

Fluctuations in prisoner numbers are managed by QCS so that risks to prison safety and security are not increased; this includes the use of purpose built double cells and trundle beds.

Many secure accommodation units in correctional centres include cells that have been purpose built for two prisoners. There are approximately 180 cells across the state designed to accommodate two prisoners.

Additional prison operating capacity is only commissioned to meet sustained, proven growth in prisoner numbers.

**(a) High Security Centres:**

- Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre;
- Brisbane Correctional Centre;
- Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre;
- Capricornia Correctional Centre;
- Lotus Glen Correctional Centre;
- Maryborough Correctional Centre;
- Southern Queensland Correctional Centre;
- Townsville Correctional Centre (including Townsville Women's Correctional Centre)
- Wolston Correctional Centre; and
- Woodford Correctional Centre.

**Low Security Location or Centre:**

- Helena Jones Community Corrections Centre;
- Numinbah Correctional Centre (Female) (including Warwick Showgrounds Work Camp);
- Capricornia Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Blackall, Clermont, and Springsure Work Camps);
- Lotus Glen Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Innisfail Work Camp);
- Palen Creek Correctional Centre (including Charleville, Dirranbandi, St George and Mitchell Work Camps);
- Townsville Correctional Centre (Male Farm) (including Boulia, Julia Creek and Winton Work Camps); and
- Townsville Correctional Centre (Female Farm) (including Bowen Work Camp).

(b) The current capacity at each Queensland Correctional Centre:

High Security Corrective Services Facilities – built bed capacity

Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre	918
Brisbane Correctional Centre	572
Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre	270
Capricornia Correctional Centre	430
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre	732
Maryborough Correctional Centre	516
Southern Queensland Correctional Centre	312
Townsville Correctional Centre	505
Townsville Women's Correctional Centre*	158
Wolston Correctional Centre	614
Woodford Correctional Centre	1046

Low Security Location or Centre – built bed capacity

Helena Jones Community Corrections Centre	29
Numinbah Correctional Centre (including Warwick Showgrounds Work Camp)	99
Capricornia Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Blackall, Clermont, and Springsure Work Camps)	132
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Innisfail Work Camp)	136
Palen Creek Correctional Centre (including Charleville, Dirranbandi St George and Mitchell Work Camps)	222
Townsville Correctional Centre (Male Farm) (including Boulia, Juila Creek and Winton Work Camps)	114
Townsville Correctional Centre (Female Farm) (including Bowen Work Camp)	27

\*Townsville Women's Correctional Centre is part of the Townsville Correctional Complex.

(c) The current prisoner population at each centre (as at 16 September 2013):

High Security Corrective Services Facilities:

Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre	858
Brisbane Correctional Centre	534
Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre	317
Capricornia Correctional Centre	405
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre	552
Maryborough Correctional Centre	504
Southern Queensland Correctional Centre	347
Townsville Correctional Centre	471
Townsville Women's Correctional Centre*	150
Wolston Correctional Centre	637
Woodford Correctional Centre	907

Low Security Location or Centre:

Helena Jones Community Corrections Centre	29
Numinbah Correctional Centre (including Warwick Showgrounds Work Camp)	91
Capricornia Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Clermont, Blackall, and Springsure Work Camps)	104
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre (Farm) (including Innisfail Work Camp)	130
Palen Creek Correctional Centre (including Charleville, Dirranbandi, St George and Mitchell Work Camps)	183
Townsville Correctional Centre (Male Farm) (including Boulia, Juila Creek and Winton Work Camps)	85
Townsville Correctional Centre *(Female Farm) (including Bowen Work Camp)	19

(d) The current full time equivalent (FTE) staffing level at each Queensland Correctional Centre is:

	Custodial					Non Custodial				<b>Total FTE</b>
	Supervisor	Officer	Dog Squad	Trade Instructor	Total	Management	Programs	Admin Support	Total	
Brisbane	18.2	163.4	6.0	13.5	201.0	7.7	16.3	29.9	53.9	<b>254.9</b>
Brisbane Womens (includes Helena Jones Community Corrections Centre)	15.7	116.9	0.0	12.1	144.7	6.6	13.1	23.9	43.6	<b>188.3</b>
Capricornia (includes male farm, Clermont, Blackall, and Springsure Work Camps)	16.4	133.6	6.0	20.4	176.4	8.7	17.0	30.2	55.9	<b>232.3</b>
Lotus Glen (includes male farm and Innisfail Work Camp)	19.8	185.2	6.0	25.4	236.4	11.0	20.0	35.1	66.1	<b>302.5</b>
Maryborough	15.6	133.9	5.0	30.7	185.1	7.7	16.1	28.1	51.9	<b>237.0</b>
Numinbah (includes Warwick Showgrounds Work Camp)	2.7	17.1	0.0	2.5	22.3	1.1	3.0	7.1	11.2	<b>33.5</b>
Palen Creek (includes Charleville, Dirranbandi, St George and Mitchell Work Camp)	2.7	29.0	0.0	0.0	31.7	1.1	2.0	9.8	12.9	<b>44.6</b>
Townsville Correction Centre (Includes Townsville Women's Correction Centre, Townsville Correction Centre male and female farms, Boulia, Julia Creek, Winton, Bowen Work Camps).	29.0	245.8	6.0	48.7	329.5	11.0	25.4	44.7	81.1	<b>410.6</b>
Wolston	14.3	132.2	6.0	33.1	185.5	8.6	30.0	27.6	66.2	<b>251.7</b>
Woodford	23.8	245.6	6.0	42.6	318.1	9.9	26.0	45.3	81.2	<b>399.3</b>

The staffing levels at privately managed centres are unable to be disclosed due to commercial in-confidence arrangements.