Question on Notice

No. 134

Asked on 6 March 2014

MS PALASZCZUK asked the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice (Mr JARROD BLEIJIE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the projected growth in population in Queensland in coming years and the need to maintain relative levels of services—

Will the Attorney-General advise:

- a) the number of permanent beds available in Queensland prisons (not including temporary beds) as of 5 March 2014;
- b) the number of permanent beds projected to be available in Queensland prisons on 1 January 2015;
- c) the number of permanent beds projected to be available in Queensland prisons on 1 January 2016; and
- d) the number of permanent beds projected to be available in Queensland prisons on 1 January 2017?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Inala for her question.

There were 6832 permanent beds available in Queensland prisons (not including temporary beds) as at 5 March 2014.

Queensland Corrective Services forecasts prisoner numbers annually and provides advice to the Government on any significant changes. The Government then makes decisions on any additional built capacity through the normal budget process.