

Question on Notice
No.1593
Asked on 13 September 2016

MR CRANDON ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON W BYRNE) –

QUESTION:

With reference to the number of inmates on correctional officer assaults reported in Queensland Correctional centres —

Will the Minister advise the total number of incidents in January to June 2015 and 2016 (reported separately by month and year)?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

While the reduction in serious assaults to zero during the period identified by the Member is very encouraging, the Palaszczuk Government has no tolerance for violence towards prison staff. Measures have therefore been put in place to ensure the reporting of incidents is maximised and officers receive relevant training and support where appropriate.

While the nature of the correctional environment means that Corrective Services Officers must put themselves into often dangerous situations to preserve safety and security, prison officers are now actively encouraged to report all incidents, no matter how minor, in order that they might be reported and investigated fully.

I am informed by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that the number of prisoner on officer assault during the requested periods is as follows:

2015	Serious Assault (Prisoner on Officer) <i>Eg. Injuries requiring medical treatment and overnight hospitalisation.</i>	Assault (Prisoner on Officer) <i>Eg. Pushing, spitting or hitting or assaults requiring short-term or minor medical attention.</i>	Total
January 2015	0	14	14
February 2015	0	11	11
March 2015	0	13	13
April 2015	1	13	14
May 2015	1	8	9
June 2015	1	11	12
Total 2015	3	70	73

Further, QCS advise that the total number of victims of an assault during the period January to June 2016:

2016	Serious Assault (Prisoner on Officer) <i>Eg. Injuries requiring medical treatment and overnight hospitalisation.</i>	Assault (Prisoner on Officer) <i>Eg. Pushing, spitting or hitting or assaults requiring short-term or minor medical attention.</i>	Total
January 2016	0	35	35
February 2016	0	17	17
March 2016	0	28	28
April 2016	0	16	16
May 2016	0	16	16
June 2016	0	21	21
Total 2016	0	133	133