

Question on Notice
No. 1628
Asked on 14 September 2016

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide a breakdown by correctional facility of the FTE levels of custodial staff (a) employed over the 2014-15 financial year, (b) employed over the 2015-16 financial year and (c) projected to be employed over the 2016-17 financial year?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Member should note that the numbers provided in answer to the question are point in time statistics, in that they don't properly reflect the dynamism of either prisoner or staff numbers. Both change weekly.

For example, in at least one correctional centre, prisoner numbers dropped mid-year to a level significantly below that of either the year prior or the year following.

In the case of Brisbane Women's Correctional Centre (BWCC), prisoner numbers were indeed lower during 2016 than they were in 2015.

Nonetheless, with 27 new officers graduating over the coming 10 weeks, it is anticipated that a number broadly equivalent to this will be assigned to BWCC.

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that:

(a) and (b) To effectively manage the increase in prisoner numbers, QCS enhanced its detailed workforce planning process in 2015 to ensure centres have staffing most reflective of their needs. The below table recorded the final fortnight in each respective financial year and indicates an increase in custodial FTE's of 164.58 comparatively. The Member should note that Borallon Training and Correctional Centre was not recommissioned until 2015. Furthermore the below figures are based on actual positions and do not include officers subject to leave without pay.

(c) In the 2016-2017 financial year it is projected that 2,394 custodial FTE will be employed by QCS, however, the placement of these officers will be determined by prisoner numbers at each custodial facility at that time.

Correctional Centre	Custodial FTE 2014 - 2015	Custodial FTE 2015 - 2016
Brisbane	230.07	230.4
Brisbane Women's	180.72	160.07
Borallon	N/A	133.44
Capricornia	187.21	191.72
Escort & Security Branch	104.4	118.84
Lotus Glen	253.97	265.47
Maryborough	179.7	204.41
Numinbah	27.44	28.69
Palen Creek	33.5	33
Townsville Complex (incl. men and women's)	367.26	373.94
Wolston	213.32	206.26
Woodford	390.22	386.15
Total	2167.81	2332.39