

**Question on Notice  
No. 28  
Asked on 14 February 2017**

**MR J SEENEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) –

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 18 asked on 16 February 2016—

Will the Minister advise the number of permanent beds available in Queensland prisons (not including temporary beds) as at 1 January 2017, broken down and listed by facility?

ANSWER:

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that the following table reflects the number of permanent beds in high security prisons as at 1 January 2017.

	<b>1 January 2017</b>
<b>High Security Facilities</b>	
Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre	974
Borallon Training and Correctional Centre	248
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 (male)	577
Townsville Women's Correctional Centre	158
Wolston Correctional Centre	614
Woodford Correctional Centre	1046
<b>Total Beds</b>	<b>6449</b>

I am further advised by QCS that the following table reflects the number of permanent beds in low security prisons as at 1 January 2017.

	1 January 2017
<b>Low Security Facilities including Work Camps</b>	
Helana Jones Centre	29
Capricornia Correctional Centre (Farm)	96
Lotus Glen Correctional Centre (Farm)	124
Numinbah Correctional Centre (Female)	119
Palen Creek Correctional Centre	170
Townsville Correctional Centre (Male Farm)	78
Townsville Correctional Centre (Female Farm)	36
Blackall Work Camp	12
Boulia Work Camp	12
Bowen Work Camp	11
Charleville Work Camp	16
Clermont Work Camp	12
Dirranbandi Work Camp	12
Innisfail Work Camp	12
Julia Creek Work Camp	12
Mitchell Work Camp	12
St George Work Camp	12
Springsure Work Camp	12
Warwick Work Camp	10
Winton Work Camp	12
<b>Total Beds</b>	<b>809</b>

As the Member would be aware, prisoner numbers rose by almost 30 percent under the previous LNP government. This placed significant pressure on existing correctional centres and as a result, QCS sometimes uses double up placements including 'buddy cells', temporary bunk beds and trundle beds in secure cells or residential areas.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$200 million for a 164 bed expansion of the Capricornia Correctional Centre and commissioned Borallon to increase capacity in our prisons.

Further, an additional \$1 million has been allocated for a business case for a 328 cell expansion of the Arthur Gorrie Correctional Centre.