

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1060**  
**Asked on 04 September 2018**

**MR J MCDONALD** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise what staffing and other economic benefits will result from the change of high security male to female prisoners at Southern Queensland Correctional Centre?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised that the Palaszczuk Government's decision to convert Southern Queensland Correctional Centre (SQCC) to a women's prison was cost neutral.

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that the operator of SQCC has confirmed to QCS that appropriate staffing levels have been maintained at SQCC following the centre's conversion. QCS has also advised that they have increased staffing at Borallon Training and Correctional Centre in line with the commissioning of the final 160 secure cells.

As a result of the conversion of SQCC the additional capacity for women prisoners will not only provide social and economic benefits but will also ensure that they receive better access to health care, counselling, and education and training programs. Increased access to rehabilitative services reduces the likelihood of reoffending and promotes successful re-integration into the community. This means less demand on corrective services and the criminal justice system more broadly and safer communities.