

Question on Notice

No. 1407

Asked on 17 October 2018

MR S BENNETT asked the Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence (HON D FARMER)—

QUESTION

With reference to the Minister's previous advice that youth offenders responsible for damage to the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (including riot) will be referred to the Queensland Police Service (QPS) with a view to prosecution—

Will the Minister advise, during the last two years, (a) how many offenders were referred to QPS, (b) how many offenders have been prosecuted and (c) the punishments that were handed down by the courts?

ANSWER

All incidents in youth detention, particularly those that may result in further criminal charges are taken seriously. The department ensures that all policies and procedures are complied with in managing incidents resulting in property damages and referrals are made to QPS accordingly. The decision to refer incidents of property damage to the QPS is just one of the options available to ensure young people are held accountable for their actions.

Over the last two years the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre has made a total of 66 referrals to the QPS for matters relating to damage to detention centre property. There were 30 referrals during the 2016–17 period and 36 during the 2017–18 period.

The information requested in parts (b) and (c) of the question falls outside my portfolio responsibilities.