

Question on Notice

No. 1754

Asked on 15 November 2018

MR J LISTER 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 statistics held for the period between January and December 2018 relating to offenders in Queensland's juvenile detention system –

Will the Minister advise the number of (a) assaults by offender on offender reported, (b) assaults by offender on staff that occurred and (c) reports of security issues noted?

ANSWER

In relation to the member's question, and for the time period 1 January 2018 to 19 November 2018, I can advise that there have been:

- (a) 62 Assaults Young Person on Young Person
- (b) 93 Assaults Young Person on Staff Member
- (c) 243 incidents were recorded under security issue-related categories.

From 2016-17 to 2017-18 there has been a 40 per cent reduction in the number of incidents involving physical violence and alleged assaults. This can be attributed to the Queensland Government's investment in Youth Detention Centres, including staff training and development; evidence-informed practices; expansion of Behaviour Support Teams to include speech pathologists, additional psychologists and increased access to psychiatrists; reviewing the Changing Habits and Reaching Targets program to refine and adapt it to the needs of young people who may have a disability or learning difficulty; extending restorative justice practices that allow young people to better realise consequences of their behaviour; and establishing restorative practice coordinators at each detention centre to assist young people to manage conflict.