

Question on Notice

No. 444

Asked on 2 May 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

Will the Minister advise the number of youths transferred between the Cleveland youth detention centre and the Brisbane youth detention centre between 1 January 2016 and 30 April 2017 (reported separately by trip and associated cost)?

ANSWER

I thank the Member for Burnett for his question.

Between 1 January 2016 and 30 April 2017, there were 12 young people transferred from the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) to the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC), and 11 transferred from BYDC to CYDC. Costings for the above timeframe are those incurred by Youth Justice Services when they were part of the Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG).

Please note, the department utilises Queensland Government Air (QGAir) to transfer young people between youth detention centres. When QGAir is unavailable, the department uses commercial flights. The total costs include flights and incidentals for youth justice staff who travel as escorts. Any costs associated with the QGAir transfers are in addition to DJAG costs and would need to be sought through the Public Safety Business Agency which manages QGAir.

Young people are transferred between youth detention facilities for a number of reasons, which include maintaining safety and security, and moving young people closer to family and community.

The cost of each transfer is outlined below.

Date	Number of transfers	Cost
13 January 2016	1	\$0.00
6 May 2016	3	\$2,015.08
19 August 2016	1	\$0.00
12 November 2016	3	\$0.00
23 November 2016	1	\$0.00
25 November 2016	2	\$0.00
15 February 2017	1	\$918.42
1 March 2017	1	\$1,117.62
8 March 2017	2	\$4,064.24
9 March 2017	2	\$3,024.48
4 April 2017	2	\$5,322.72
5 April 2017	2	\$4,105.66
13 April 2017	1	\$3,844.00
21 April 2017	1	\$2,315.39
Total	23*	\$26,727.61

Note: * There were 23 separate transfers but only 22 distinct young people with one young person transferring twice during this timeframe.