

Question on Notice
No. 946
Asked on 12 June 2019

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of youths aged 10 to 17 transported from watch houses across Queensland to a hospital for 2015 to 2019 to date (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I have been assured by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that police will always act to ensure the safety and wellbeing of persons in their custody.

QPS has advised that there are processes in place to ensure prisoner health and welfare records are accurately kept. With regards to the Member's question, the QPS has advised that the provision of this information during the periods requested, would involve a manual examination of each individual record.

I have been informed that when a person in custody is transported to a hospital, a custody log for each person in their charge is entered into QPRIME, the police database. Police advise each person in their charge may have a minimum of 30 log entries per day, which could exceed 500,000 entries for the period 12 February 2018 and 30 June 2019 alone. QPS has advised that it would take 45,000 hours for an officer to provide the information requested by the Member for that period alone. QPS has further advised that the provision of this information is considered to be an unjustifiable use of police resources.

However, I appreciate the Member's request for information about hospital transfers. I am advised by QPS that matters relating to the health and welfare of a person in custody is recorded on their individual record, with processes in place to ensure these records are accurately kept for person in custody.