

Question on Notice

No. 1073

Asked on 15 September 2021

MS A CAMM asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD)—

QUESTION

With reference to answer to Question on Notice No. 1098 asked on 5 September 2018—

Will the Minister advise the cost of repairs to property and chattels in the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre, the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre (reported separately by financial year for 2018-19 to 2021-22 to date) arising from damage caused by detainees.

ANSWER

As at 15 September 2021, the cost of repairs to property and chattels at Queensland's youth detention centres arising from damage caused by detainees was:

- Cleveland Youth Detention Centre:
 - 2018-19: \$156,494
 - 2019-20: \$705,535
 - 2020-21: \$558,256
 - 2021-22 (as at 15 September 2021): \$302, 535
- Brisbane Youth Detention Centre:
 - 2018-19: \$475,320
 - 2019-20: \$145,416
 - 2020-21: \$486,590
 - 2021-22 (as at 15 September 2021): \$63,435
- West Moreton Youth Detention Centre:
 - 2020-21: \$3,429
 - 2021-22 (as at 15 September 2021): \$7,361.

There are a range of factors which may impact on damage repairs in a youth detention centre in a year. This includes the behavioural complexity of the cohort, their mental health and their ability to regulate emotion and behaviours. Youth detention centres may incur varying levels and types of damage. In addition, the repair and billing process is often not finalised and accounted for until the following financial year.

There has been significant investment in youth detention centres to maximise the safety and security of each centre. The infrastructure of Brisbane and Cleveland Youth Detention Centres is ageing and has been updated. This work has included securing internal fencing and perimeter barriers, roof access prevention, hardening of doors, ceilings, air vents and bedroom furnishings and upgrades of secure control rooms and electronic security systems. This investment into projects will continue in 2021-22.