

Question on Notice

No. 1439

Asked on 30 November 2022

MR D LAST asked the Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs (HON L LINARD) —

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise for the last three financial years (reported separately by financial year) and with reference to staff at Queensland's Youth Detention Centres (a) how many were absent from work and receiving WorkCover benefits and (b) the average period that they were absent from work and receiving WorkCover benefits?

ANSWER

The important role performed by our Youth Detention Centre (YDC) staff is highly valued and their safety and health is a top priority.

YDCs are complex and challenging environments. Many young people detained within these centres have a history of childhood trauma, mental health and/or behavioural issues.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs continues to invest in the youth detention workforce to ensure it has the capability to manage emerging operational issues and safety.

- a) The number of youth detention centre staff absent from work and receiving WorkCover benefits over the last three financial years is:

Financial Year	Staff
2019-20	189
2020-21	246
2021-22	271

*Staff may be counted across multiple financial years.

- b) The average period that staff were absent from work and receiving WorkCover benefits over the last three financial years is:

Financial Year	Days
2019-20	39.45
2020-21	45.23
2021-22	43.26