

Question on Notice

No. 266

Asked on 29 March 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to staff deployed to the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) to 'bolster ranks' as advised to media by the Australian Worker's Union on 21 February 2022—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many staff have been deployed to CYDC and the dates of their arrival to and departure from CYDC and (b) how many of those staff had undertaken non-training shifts at other centres prior to being deployed to CYDC?

ANSWER

Youth detention centres are dynamic and challenging environments to work in. The safety of young people and staff in Queensland's youth detention centres is paramount.

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA) has active recruitment underway for frontline positions at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC). While this is in progress, staff from the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC) and the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre (WMYDC) have been deployed to CYDC to provide appropriate staffing levels and support.

It is not unusual for staff from across Queensland's three youth detention centres to rotate from other detention centres to meet demand requirements.

While the travel details and identifying details of staff have not been provided, a total of 24 staff have been deployed from BYDC and WMYDC between 25 October 2021 and 29 March 2022.

DCYJMA takes its obligations under the *Youth Justice Act 1992* and *Human Rights Act 2019* very seriously, while also balancing workplace health and safety obligations to staff which is why these staff have been deployed to assist CYDC.

All staff providing frontline services within a youth detention centre receive the appropriate training.