

Question on Notice

No. 472

Asked on 12 May 2022

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

QUESTION

With reference to the Minister's statement that she 'takes every opportunity when (in) Townsville to meet with staff at the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre to discuss their experiences and listen to any concerns they may have'—

Will the Minister advise how many times the Minister has visited Townsville in the last 12 months and how much time the Minister has spent with front line youth workers discussing their concerns regarding detention centre policy and safety concerns?

ANSWER

The safety of staff and young people in youth detention centres is paramount.

Youth detention centres are challenging environments and youth detention staff perform a very difficult job in very complex circumstances.

Since being appointed Minister for Children and Youth Justice and Minister for Multicultural Affairs I have travelled to Townsville eight (8) times and attended Cleveland Youth Detention Centre or met with senior staff, staff and/or employee representatives on seven (7) of these occasions.