

Question on Notice

No. 558

Asked on 26 May 2021

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

QUESTION

Will the Minister advise the cost to date (reported separately by accommodation, transport, and ancillary costs) of the deployment of additional staff to the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre?

ANSWER

The Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs (DCYJMA), takes its obligations under the *Youth Justice Act 1992* and *Human Rights Act 2019* seriously, while also balancing workplace health and safety obligations to staff.

To maintain safety and security for staff, young people, and visitors within youth detention centres, DCYJMA make operational decisions to rotate staff across other youth detention centres on a regular basis. This can be done for several reasons, including to meet demand requirements, provide professional development opportunities and to align practice and operations between the centres.

It is also important to recognise the benefits of staff working across all three detention centres yields. It provides professional development, sharing of key information and understanding complexities of young people from different geographical locations.

The costs of accommodation, transport and ancillary of staff deployed to the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre from the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre between 25 October 2021 and 31 May 2022 are as follows:

Category	Cost (25/10/2021 to 31/05/2022)
Accommodation	\$286,200
Transport	\$52,942
Ancillary	\$0
Total	\$339,142