

Question on Notice
No. 1306
Asked on 24 October 2023

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the costs accumulated annually by the Queensland Government over the past five years (2019 to 2023) to transfer – by road, rail or air – juvenile offenders from the Mount Isa Policing District through to the coast to be held at the Cleveland or Brisbane Youth Detention Centres?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the QPS is responsible for the escort and transportation of young people from QPS watchhouses to youth detention centres in Brisbane and Townsville. Facilitating and administering these transfers occurs at a local, district and state level, which ensures areas such as Mt Isa are not overburdened.

I am advised by the QPS that the total costs of chartered flights between the 2019 and 2023 (inclusive) calendar years for the transport of juveniles from Mt Isa to Cleveland or Brisbane Youth Detention Centres is estimated at \$859,308.20.

The Member should note that these estimated costs do not include costs for QGAir, escort officers, or the ground element of the transfers (e.g. vehicles, fuel, escort officers). I am advised by the QPS that to provide this information would require a manual examination of records for each transport occurrence, which is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of police resources at this time.