Question on Notice No. 1517 Asked on 28 November 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Caboolture Police Watch being converted to hold children—Will the Minister provide (a) the physical modifications/additions required of the facility, (b) the total cost of any modifications/additions to the facility and (c) the number and job title of any external staff required to work in the facility?

ANSWER:

To accommodate the provision of enhanced support services, several permanent modifications have been made. Please note that these are legacy improvements which will be maintained in place to support operations on an ongoing basis, irrespective of the age of the detainee.

The enhancements included a security swipe system to allow more efficient movement through certain parts of the Watchhouse, additional security cameras and CCTV monitors, duress alarms as well as portable video conferencing equipment.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the total cost for the enhancements was \$203,202.40.

I am informed by the QPS that as at 1 December 2023 it has not employed any external staff to work at the facility.