

Question on Notice
No. 619
Asked on 23 May 2023

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Beenleigh Watchhouse, Brisbane City Watchhouse, Cairns Watchhouse, Southport Watchhouse, Toowoomba Watchhouse and Townsville Watchhouse— Will the Minister provide from 2015 (reported separately by year and by watchhouse) the total number of (a) detainees recorded in each watchhouse, (b) DNA swabs taken, (c) evidentiary DNA swabs and (d) intelligence DNA swabs?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the statistics asked for in the question for the period 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2022 are as follows.

- (a) The number of unique persons detained at the Brisbane Watchhouse in 2015 was 13,735, in 2016 was 14,574, in 2017 was 12,674, in 2018 was 13,303, in 2019 was 12,693, in 2020 was 11,020, in 2021 was 10,383, and in 2022 was 11,797.

The number of unique persons detained at the Cairns Watchhouse in 2015 was 7,831, in 2016 was 8,218, in 2017 was 7,510, in 2018 was 7,387, in 2019 was 6,821, in 2020 was 5,705, in 2021 was 6,213, and in 2022 was 5,994.

The number of unique persons detained at the Beenleigh Watchhouse in 2015 was 4,357, in 2016 was 4,009, in 2017 was 3,597, in 2018 was 3,379, in 2019 was 2,967, in 2020 was 2,317, in 2021 was 1,967, and in 2022 was 1,980.

The number of unique persons detained at the Southport Watchhouse in 2015 was 11,203, in 2016 was 10,773, in 2017 was 9,506, in 2018 was 8,431, in 2019 was 7,121, in 2020 was 5,187, in 2021 was 5,725, and in 2022 was 6,000.

The number of unique persons detained at the Toowoomba Watchhouse in 2015 was 4,589, in 2016 was 4,977, in 2017 was 4,954, in 2018 was 4,596, in 2019 was 4,046, in 2020 was 3,212, in 2021 was 3,364, and in 2022 was 3,324.

The number of unique persons detained at the Townsville Watchhouse in 2015 was 7,368, in 2016 was 7,893, in 2017 was 7,027, in 2018 was 6,335, in 2019 was 5,652, in 2020 was 5,160, in 2021 was 5,363, and in 2022 was 4,467.

- (b) The number of DNA swabs taken at the Brisbane Watchhouse in 2015 was 1,021, in 2016 was 963, in 2017 was 902, in 2018 was 843, in 2019 was 784, in 2020 was 705, in 2021 was 715, and in 2022 was 1,071.

The number of DNA swabs taken at the Cairns Watchhouse in 2015 was 551, in 2016 was 662, in 2017 was 733, in 2018 was 584, in 2019 was 606, in 2020 was 429, in 2021 was 477, and in 2022 was 621.

The number of DNA swabs taken at the Beenleigh Watchhouse in 2015 was 216, in 2016 was 210, in 2017 was 289, in 2018 was 283, in 2019 was 329, in 2020 was 274, in 2021 was 312, and in 2022 was 410.

The number of DNA swabs taken at the Southport Watchhouse in 2015 was 1,127, in 2016 was 1,184, in 2017 was 984, in 2018 was 716, in 2019 was 708, in 2020 was 555, in 2021 was 539, and in 2022 was 698.

The number of DNA swabs taken at the Toowoomba Watchhouse in 2015 was 833, in 2016 was 951, in 2017 was 785, in 2018 was 693, in 2019 was 576, in 2020 was 392, in 2021 was 503, and in 2022 was 463.

The number of DNA swabs taken at the Townsville Watchhouse in 2015 was 376, in 2016 was 358, in 2017 was 384, in 2018 was 400, in 2019 was 392, in 2020 was 436, in 2021 was 638, and in 2022 was 517.

- (c) The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Brisbane Watchhouse in 2015 was 292, in 2016 was 244, in 2017 was 262, in 2018 was 246, in 2019 was 230, in 2020 was 247, in 2021 was 255, and in 2022 was 286.

The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Cairns Watchhouse in 2015 was 135, in 2016 was 175, in 2017 was 169, in 2018 was 131, in 2019 was 141, in 2020 was 118, in 2021 was 99, and in 2022 was 144.

The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Beenleigh Watchhouse in 2015 was 104, in 2016 was 95, in 2017 was 142, in 2018 was 149, in 2019 was 151, in 2020 was 130, in 2021 was 123, and in 2022 was 138.

The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Southport Watchhouse in 2015 was 295, in 2016 was 298, in 2017 was 265, in 2018 was 187, in 2019 was 189, in 2020 was 194, in 2021 was 154, and in 2022 was 172.

The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Toowoomba Watchhouse in 2015 was 70, in 2016 was 104, in 2017 was 119, in 2018 was 104, in 2019 was 103, in 2020 was 68, in 2021 was 59, and in 2022 was 108.

The number of evidentiary DNA swabs taken at the Townsville Watchhouse in 2015 was 146, in 2016 was 137, in 2017 was 122, in 2018 was 109, in 2019 was 109, in 2020 was 104, in 2021 was 112, and in 2022 was 115.

- (d) The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Brisbane Watchhouse in 2015 was 724, in 2016 was 716, in 2017 was 634, in 2018 was 595, in 2019 was 552, in 2020 was 457, in 2021 was 456, and in 2022 was 774.

The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Cairns Watchhouse in 2015 was 413, in 2016 was 480, in 2017 was 558, in 2018 was 452, in 2019 was 462, in 2020 was 308, in 2021 was 377, and in 2022 was 470.

The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Beenleigh Watchhouse in 2015 was 109, in 2016 was 114, in 2017 was 141, in 2018 was 132, in 2019 was 175, in 2020 was 141, in 2021 was 189, and in 2022 was 271.

The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Southport Watchhouse in 2015 was 832, in 2016 was 881, in 2017 was 717, in 2018 was 529, in 2019 was 517, in 2020 was 356, in 2021 was 382, and in 2022 was 525.

The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Toowoomba Watchhouse in 2015 was 755, in 2016 was 841, in 2017 was 663, in 2018 was 588, in 2019 was 466, in 2020 was 323, in 2021 was 444, and in 2022 was 353.

The number of intelligence DNA swabs taken at the Townsville Watchhouse in 2015 was 227, in 2016 was 219, in 2017 was 262, in 2018 was 290, in 2019 was 282, in 2020 was 328, in 2021 was 517, and in 2022 was 397.

Note: The response to this question on notice was originally tabled on 22 June 2023. Subsequently, a data error has been identified by QPS and rectified in this updated response, tabled on 6 July 2023.