

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

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**MR T NICHOLLS** ASKED MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SMALL BUSINESS, MINISTER FOR TRAINING AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

### QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the number of assaults on Youth Justice staff (reported separately by region and year) for the last five years at (a) youth detention facilities or (b) in a community setting?

### ANSWER:

(a) Youth detention centres

A change to the Report on Government Services counting rules occurred in 2020-21 which expanded the standardised classification of assaults to include spitting and psychological injury. This change has increased the number of assaults reported.

The number of staff assaults in Queensland youth detention centres by financial year, over the last five years is:

- 2017-18: 14, 2018-19: 21, 2019-20: 17, 2020-21: 131, 2021-22: 147

This information is publicly available through the [Report on Government Services](https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2023/community-services/youth-justice) <https://www.pc.gov.au/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2023/community-services/youth-justice> and is categorised based on nationally standardised counting rules that allow for comparable, interjurisdictional analysis across all Australian states and territories.

(b) Community\*

The number of staff assaults in the community by financial year, over the last five years is:

- 2017-2018: 1, 2018-19: 0, 2019-20: 2, 2020-21: 2, 2021-22: 5

\*Figures are based on operational data for assaults on Youth Justice Service Centre (YJSC) departmental staff and are accurate as at the date of extraction (20 June 2023). Operational data is subject to change noting routine review, internal monitoring, and oversight.