

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 94**  
**Asked on 23 February 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 Southern Region watchhouses— Will the Minister advise (a) the capacity of each watchhouse (reported individually by location), (b) how many children were held in a Southern Region Watchhouse in November 2022, December 2022 and January 2023 (reported separately by month and location) and (c) how many children spent over 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 days (reported separately by number of days and location)?

**ANSWER:**

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that:

(a) The capacity of each watchhouse (reported individually by location) is:

Watchhouse	Cells <sup>1</sup>
Gatton	3
Kingaroy	6
Goondiwindi	4
Murgon	7
Warwick	7
Toowoomba	16
Cunnamulla	3
St George	3
Dalby	3 <sup>2</sup>
Charleville	5
Roma	5
Ipswich	24

**Notes:**

<sup>1</sup> The capacity of each cell is variable depended on detention needs and some cells carry a multiple bed capacity; The cell number also includes violent detention and holding cells.

<sup>2</sup> The data presented refers to the previous Dalby Watchhouse which is no longer in operation. A new Dalby Watchhouse is currently under construction with an expected completion date near the end of 2023. The new Dalby Watchhouse is expected to contain 5 cells. Until the new Dalby Watchhouse is operational, prisoners are detained at either the Toowoomba Watchhouse or the Warwick Watchhouse, as required.

(b) The number of children who were held in a Southern Region Watchhouse in November 2022, December 2022 and January 2023 (reported separately by month and location) were:

Location	Number <sup>1</sup>		
	2022		2023
	Nov	Dec	Jan
Gatton	≤5	≤5	≤5
Kingaroy	-	≤5	6
Goondiwindi	≤5	≤5	≤5
Murgon	24	7	24
Warwick	≤5	≤5	-
Toowoomba	49	44	44
Cunnamulla	-	-	-
Saint George	≤5	-	≤5
Dalby	≤5	≤5	-
Charleville	-	-	-
Roma	-	≤5	≤5
Ipswich	48	49	45

Notes:

<sup>1</sup> Numbers of children detained, where the number is less than or equal to 5, have been grouped in order to avoid the identification of child offenders in custody.

(c) The number of children who spent over 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 days (reported separately by number of days and location) for the period November 2022 to January 2023 were:

Location	Number <sup>1</sup>						
	0-5 days	5-10 days	10-15 days	15-20 days	20-25 days	20-30 days	Over 30 days
Gatton	≤5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingaroy	≤5	-	-	-	≤5	-	-
Goondiwindi	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murgon	52	-	-	≤5	-	≤5	-
Warwick	≤5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toowoomba	117	10	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5	≤5
Cunnamulla	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Saint George	≤5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dalby	≤5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charleville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Roma	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ipswich	124	13	-	≤5	≤5	≤5	-

Notes:

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