

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 1151

asked on Tuesday, 10 December 2024

MR L MCCALLUM ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)

QUESTION:

With reference to the Courier Mail article 'Adult-crime, adult-time: But gov don't know how many beds are needed' published on 10 November 2024— Will the Minister provide the modelling that the department was directed to undertake on detention centre bed capacity?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to providing a safe environment for all staff, service providers, youth offenders, and visitors at Queensland's Youth Detention Centres (YDCs).

Since 2022, Queensland's YDCs have operated above safe capacity which fundamentally impacts their ability to deliver education, training and rehabilitation programs to youth offenders. Between August 2023-24, 93% of youth offenders released from detention over this period reoffended within 12 months.

As is consistent with the schedule of the previous administration, any indicative modelling associated with active considerations to ensure YDCs are operating safely is not able to be released as it is a subject of cabinet consideration.

The Crisafulli Government will ensure YDCs are a safe environment for all staff, service providers, youth offenders, and visitors.