

**Question on Notice  
No. 1165  
Asked on 10 December 2024**

**HON M BAILEY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)—

**QUESTION:**

Will the Minister advise the (a) expenditure to date, (b) updated project budget and (c) expected completion date for the Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct?

**ANSWER:**

Well-functioning correctional centres are vital to restoring community safety. They can deliver effective interventions to rehabilitate prisoners, reducing reoffending and ensuring community safety.

In 2014, the then Government identified the need for new prison infrastructure and commissioned a business case for this.

By 2015, Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) correctional centres were sitting at 103.2% capacity.

Since 2015, the adult correctional system has grown at a sustained and intractable rate, which has not been matched by investment in the prison infrastructure necessary to restore community safety.

I am advised:

**(a) Expenditure to date**

A total of \$839.8 million has been spent to deliver the Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct (the Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre) as at the end of October 2024. This total expenditure exceeds the \$618.9 million initially allocated in 2019.

**(b) Updated project budget**

The current approved budget is \$885.3 million that was approved in December 2023 as part of the Budget Update process for 2023-24.

**(c) Expected completion date**

The Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW) are project managing the construction of the Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre.

QCS has been advised by DHPW that practical completion of the facility is expected mid-2025.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to delivering this prison, protecting QCS staff, and restoring community safety.