

## **QUESTION ON NOTICE**

**No. 1173-2024**

**asked on Tuesday, 10 December 2024**

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**MR L POWER** ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE 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 Woodford Youth Detention Centre

### **ANSWER:**

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

Under the previous governments, Queensland's YDCs were operating above capacity which fundamentally impacted their ability to deliver education, training and rehabilitation programs to youth offenders. 93% of youth offenders released from detention reoffended within 12 months.

The Woodford Youth Detention Centre Project was announced in June 2023 with an expected completion date in 2026 for \$627.61 million. As at 30 November 2024, the Woodford Youth Detention Centre expenditure to date was \$86.11 million, and incoming government briefs reveal that under the former governments the project budget increased to \$982.61 million and will not be operational until the end of 2027.