

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 22

asked on Tuesday, 13 February 2024

MR R KATTER ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE (HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the costs accumulated annually by the Queensland Government over the past five years (2019 to 2023, inclusive) to transfer – by road, rail or air – juvenile offenders from the Mount Isa Policing District through to the coast to be held at the Cleveland or Brisbane Youth Detention Centres?

ANSWER:

The costs associated with transporting (by road, rail or air) a young person to a youth detention centre is the responsibility of another Minister.

Through a shared Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Youth Justice and the Queensland Police Service (QPS), the QPS is responsible for transporting children:

- from a watchhouse to another watchhouse
- from a watchhouse to a youth detention centre; and
- from a youth detention centre to court.

The QPS is also responsible for the costs arising from the transportation of a child between watchhouses, courts or a youth detention centre that falls within the designated catchment area.

I recommend the member direct their question to the Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Service (Hon M Ryan).