

Question on Notice
No. 334
Asked on 21 March 2024

MR D LAST ASKED THE MINISTER FOR FIRE AND DISASTER RECOVERY AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON N BOYD)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise, for the last 12 months (reported separately by month), the occupancy rate at Maryborough Correctional Centre?

ANSWER:

I am advised by Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) that occupancy rate is not a measure they use. A comparable measure used by QCS is the Bed Utilisation Rate, which is the number of prisoners as a percentage of the number of beds. The response to the Member's question has been calculated as the monthly average prisoner population as a percentage of the number of built beds.

I am advised by QCS the average bed utilisation rate at Maryborough Correctional Centre for the past 12 months was 79.2 per cent in March 2023; 82.8 per cent in April 2023; 85.2 per cent in May 2023; 82.3 per cent in June 2023; 83.3 per cent in July 2023; 84.8 per cent in August 2023 84.7 per cent in September 2023; 83.9 per cent in October 2023; 82.6 per cent in November 2023; 83.3 per cent in December 2023; 85.5 per cent in January; 87.0 per cent in February 2024; and 88.0 per cent in March 2024.