Question on Notice No. 651 Asked on 11 June 2025

DR B O'SHEA ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise as at 1 June 2025 (or closest reportable date) the total vacancies in Queensland Corrective Services (in table format, reported separately by number and the following positions), (a) Custodial Correctional Officers, (b) Community Corrections Case Managers, (c) Psychologists, (d) Cultural Liaison Officers, (e) Escort and Security Officers, (f) Probation Services Officers, (g) Tactical Response Officers, (h) Trade Instructors and (i) Education Officers?

ANSWER:

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) plays a vital role in rehabilitating prisoners, reducing reoffending and restoring community safety. The Crisafulli Government is backing our hardworking QCS officers with a \$2.256 billion investment in the 2025-2026 Budget, to build the infrastructure needed to keep staff safe, reduce overcrowding and ease pressure across the system.

Since coming to government, 844 officers have graduated from the QCS Academy, and by the end of 2025, QCS will have trained about 1000 custodial correctional officers through the delivery of 47 Custodial Officer Entry Program courses.

These new officers perform critical roles across the correctional system, and many will be deployed to the new Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre being delivered by the Crisafulli Government.

I am advised that as at 30 June 2025, the total number of vacancies within QCS was as follows:

Position and vacancy

Custodial Correctional Officers 225.68; Community Corrections Case Managers 43.3; Psychologists 33; Cultural Liaison Officers 8; there were 0 vacancies within the Escort and Security Officers cohort; Probation Services Officers 7; Trade Instructors 44.32; Education Officers 11.5

For reporting purposes, Tactical Response Officers are not a standalone position – these officers receive additional training but any vacancies would be counted within the Custodial Correctional Officer cohort.

The Crisafulli Government will continue to recruit and train the officers needed to keep Queenslanders safe.