

QUESTION ON NOTICE

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MRS M McMAHON ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)

QUESTION:

With reference to Education and Training Centres in Youth Detention Centres (YDCs)—

Will the Minister advise (a) since 1 November 2024, how many young people were unable to attend an Education and Training Centre in a YDC on the basis they posed a threat to themselves or others – reported separately by (i) West Moreton Education and Training Centre, West Moreton YDC, (ii) Brisbane Youth Education and Training Centre, Brisbane YDC and (iii) Cleveland Education and Training Centre, Cleveland YDC and (b) how will the actions of the Minister ensure young people presenting security threats continue to be educated?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to restoring safety in Queensland homes, workplaces, and communities.

The Making Queensland Safer Plan is well underway. On 13 December 2024, the first tranche of the Making Queensland Safer Laws became law. On 21 May 2025, we passed the second tranche of Adult Crime, Adult Time. These new laws will work in parallel with Detention with Purpose, which will focus on discipline and rehabilitation of youth offenders by combining consequences for bad behaviour with education opportunity and support services to turn their lives away from crime and to reduce reoffending.

The Detention with Purpose Plan outlines a clear framework for behaviour management reform through three pillars:

1. Compulsory education – young people must attend school and programs
2. Staff safety – violence against staff will not be tolerated
3. Behaviour management – clear consequences for actions

The Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support (the department) works with the Department of Education (DoE) to help youth offenders in youth detention centres (YDCs) rehabilitate through education, vocational training, and programs.

All staff in YDCs work as a team to manage risks posed by youth offenders. Attendance at education sessions is compulsory. The youth offenders that were unable to attend

Education and Training Centres within a YDC because of risk still received education in the form of DoE education packs or program resources that are provided to the youth offenders to complete in their rooms instead of attending the on-site school.

The number of distinct youth offenders recorded as unable to attend due to risk causing behaviour from 1 November 2024 – 31 May 2025 for each YDC was (i) West Moreton YDC – 0; (ii) Brisbane YDC – 59 and (iii) Cleveland YDC – 0.