

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 11

Asked Tuesday, 10 February 2026

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

### QUESTION:

With reference to the Wacol Youth Remand Centre –

Will the Minister advise the average number of detainees for the 2025 calendar year and January 2026 (reported separately by month and by gender, age and Indigenous status)?

### ANSWER:

The Wacol Youth Remand Centre (WYRC) was announced by the former Palaszczuk Government in 2023 and promised to be open in 2024. In September 2024, the former Miles Government confirmed that the WYRC would be finished in 2024, however, it was not completed or operational as promised by the former Governments.

The Crisafulli Government acted immediately to bring the WYRC online so youth would no longer be required to spend extended periods of time in adult watchhouses, and in April 2025, the first youth were accepted into the centre.

The member's question seeks data for the full 2025 calendar year. However, the WYRC was not operational for the entirety of 2025, as the facility was not opened in 2024 in line with the timeline promised by the former Palaszczuk and Miles Governments. As a result of the former governments' failure to deliver the WYRC as promised, a full year of operational data for 2025 is not available. Providing an average number of detainees for the 2025 calendar year and January 2026 would therefore be inaccurate.

As such, the member is referred to the most recent publicly available data relating to the the average number of youth in Queensland youth justice facilities, broken down by sentence type, quarter, gender, age, and Indigenous status, the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare's in the Youth Detention Population in Australia 2025 report which is available here: <https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/7b49c5c0-d93d-4b4a-ba18-b8339ad78cb7/youth-detention-population-in-australia-2025.pdf?v=20251210102459&inline=true>.