

QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 114

Asked Thursday, 12 February 2026

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Inspector of Detention Services' 'Combined inspection report for youth detention centres' dated November 2025 –

Will the Minister advise (a) if any disciplinary action has been taken in relation to the inaccurate recording of observations and welfare checks undertaken at West Moreton Youth Detention Centre, referred to on page 84 of the inspector's report and (b) what steps have been taken to address inaccurate recordkeeping during separations?

ANSWER:

The matters identified in the Member's question, referred to in the Inspector of Detention Services' report (Inspector's report), relate to an inspection of the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre conducted between 19 and 23 August 2024, under the Miles Government. The Inspector's report exposes serious failures that developed during the former Palaszczuk and Miles Governments and reflects the condition of the system inherited by the Crisafulli Government, including longstanding operational and recordkeeping shortcomings.

The Crisafulli Government has been clear that youth detention centres must operate with strong oversight, transparency and accountability to ensure the safety and wellbeing of young people, staff and the community. Details of individual disciplinary matters cannot be provided for privacy and confidentiality reasons. In accordance with Queensland Public Service requirements, the Department of Youth Justice and Victim Support has processes in place to support compliance with the Code of Conduct.

The failures identified in the Inspector's report demonstrate the systemic issues that developed over the past decade under the Palaszczuk and Miles Governments. Separation was increasingly relied upon as a management measure as detention centres faced significant workforce and operational pressures, limiting the delivery of structured programs and interventions. The Inspector's report also identifies deficiencies in recordkeeping practices, including the recording of welfare checks, under the Palaszczuk and Miles Governments.

The Crisafulli Government is restoring proper oversight, order and accountability in youth detention centres through the Detention with a Purpose plan, which delivers structured education, training and behavioural programs to break the cycle of offending. These measures ensure detention is no longer a holding pattern but a pathway away from crime.