

**Question on Notice
No. 43
Asked on 11 February 2026**

HON G BUTCHER ASKED MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE AND VICTIM SUPPORT AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON L GERBER)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre—

Will the Minister advise the number of substantive staff vacancies as at 31 January 2026 (or closest reportable date)?

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 by building the infrastructure needed to keep staff, prisoners, and the community safe, reduce overcrowding and ease pressure across the system.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to Making Queensland Safer; a key element of this commitment was delivering the Lockyer Valley Correctional Centre (LVCC), because the capacity was needed years ago. Planning for the LVCC commenced in 2014 when the Newman Government funded the business case for stage 2 of the Southern Queensland Correctional Precinct near Gatton. Following considerable delivery delays, revised timelines and cost escalations under the former Palaszczuk and Miles Governments, the Crisafulli Government delivered the LVCC with the first prisoner accepted into the prison on 10 September 2025.

The Crisafulli Government has opened the LVCC in a staged approach to test specific work-flow processes in the LVCC's new operating environment, because we are committed to delivering the highest-level of staff safety in Queensland's correctional facilities.

Because of this staged approach, as at 31 December 2025, the substantively vacant position full time equivalent (FTE) for LVCC was 177.29.