

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 49

Asked Wednesday, 11 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 number of detainees that have been held in the Wacol Youth Remand Centre post-sentencing (reported separately by the number of days held for the 2025 calendar year)?

### 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.

Sentenced youth can be temporarily held at the WYRC for a number of operational reasons, including where it is necessary for the good order of the detention centre, to protect other youth, and to keep youth detention centre staff safe. These occurrences represent 2% of all episodes of custody in the WYRC during 2025, and due to the small number of youth this applies to, it is not appropriate to provide the number of days due to privacy reasons.