

## QUESTION ON NOTICE

No. 86

Asked Thursday, 12 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 as at 31 January 2026 (or closest reportable date) (a) the number of approved FTE positions for the Centre and (b) the number of substantively vacant FTE positions for the Centre?

### ANSWER:

The Wacol Youth Remand Centre (WYRC) was announced by the former Palaszczuk Government in 2023 and promised to be open in 2024 by the former Miles Government, however, it was not completed or operational within that timeframe.

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, like they did under the former Palaszczuk and Miles Governments, and in April 2025, the first youth were accepted into the centre.

The Crisafulli Government is committed to supporting our hard-working Youth Detention Centre staff. As at the pay period ending 26 December 2025, there were 197.44 approved FTE positions, and 50.97 substantively vacant FTE positions at the WYRC. With reference to full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, under the Crisafulli Government, recruitment and training activities have been conducted to improve youth detention centre staffing levels and build a confident and capable workforce, after a decade of the former government failing to do so.