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Subject: FW: Moving 17yo offenders from adult prisons

Hi Fiona – responses to questions below.

1. What is the breakdown of the \$199m for moving 17yo offenders from adult prisons?

- *This funding, over the next four years, will see Youth Justice partner with other government agencies to provide for:*
 - *More regional staff to supervise and support 17 year olds on supervised orders (both upon commencement of the new legislation and ongoing),*
 - *More funding for Legal Aid to represent 17 year olds in court,*
 - *New, innovative, culturally responsive remand reduction initiatives that will see fewer young people in our detention centres (including alternative options for very young offenders, as well as enhanced bail options)*

- Improved court efficiencies, through the appointment of more Childrens Court Magistrates, and
- An increased range of police diversion options
- These options will see the current detention centre population reduce (particularly the younger cohort) so sufficient room can be made to accommodate 17 year olds in detention centres as soon as possible.

2. How many 17yo offenders are there in the system currently? When will they all be moved?

- As at 13 June, 49 total 17 year olds were in QCS custody – 45 were male, 4 female. This does not include young people in watch house custody.
- Youth Justice intends to utilise a transitional regulation - allowed for by the Youth Justice and Other Legislation (inclusion of 17-year-old persons) Amendment Act 2016 - to facilitate the transfer. This transfer may occur in a staggered manner however this will occur much quicker than the two-year timeframe that the legislation allows. These 17 year olds will be progressively transitioned to youth justice detention facilities in a safe and managed process following commencement of the new legislation in early November 2017.
- In addition to the 49 seventeen year olds currently in adult prisons, a further 192 seventeen year olds are currently being supervised by Queensland Corrective Services on community based orders. These 17 year olds on community based orders will immediately transfer to supervision by Youth Justice upon commencement of the new legislation.

3. Will there need to be new infrastructure built?

- Following evidence and trends by leading jurisdictions, Youth Justice is not considering building a new, large-scale detention centre.
- There are some smaller-scale infrastructure elements being considered by Youth Justice, including bail accommodation services across the State with each catering for a maximum of 12 young people at a time together with a number of small household-type facilities to support the very young cohort closer to their families and communities.

4. Why will the program take four years?

- Youth Justice has been progressing this work since the Amendment Act was passed in November 2016. Youth Justice is working to roll out an initial response in time for the November 2017 transfer of 17 year olds, with additional elements rolled out as soon as practicable following this. The program itself will not take four years to implement but has already been provided with funding for the first four years of operation.
- The government's allocation of four years of funding demonstrates their commitment to long-term, sustainable change.

Kind Regards

Mark

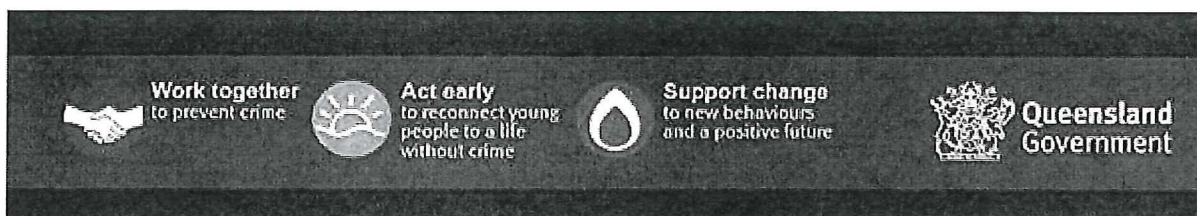
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Hi Mark
As discussed, the questions are below
Regards
Fiona

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Hi Pam and Kirsten,

What is the breakdown of the \$199m for moving 17yo offenders from adult prisons?

How many 17yo offenders are there in the system currently? When will they all be moved?

Will there need to be new infrastructure built?

Why will the program take four years?

My deadline is 5pm.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: youth bail questions

Kirby – will you send response or Tristan?

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It hasn't been transferred, it's a HPW property.

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Subject: Re: youth bail questions

Hi Kristen,

Just further to my questions earlier - neighbours of the Cornwall St property I mentioned just told me they've been informed the building under renovation has switched from the Department of Housing to the Department of Justice and would be used for youths.

Can you rule out that this was considered for the youth bail accommodation plan (and whether it still is)?

Thanks,
Kelmeny

On 21 August 2017 at 12:08, Kirsten MacGregor <Kirsten.MacGregor@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

2. As we said on Saturday, the government is considering a range of supervised bail accommodation options that would give courts more choices to deal with Queensland's youth remand rates, which are the highest in the country.

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Kirsten

See questions from Kelmeny.

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Hi Kirby,

I'm just following up on some unanswered questions I had about the youth remand story. Would you be able to handle these - I'm seeking a response by close of business today please.

1. I'm told accommodation under construction at 126 Cornwall St, Annerley was included in the plan to provide bail accommodation for youths under the option being considered. Is this still currently a site that would be used under this option (to house youths on bail?) If not, why was it removed? What is it to be used for? Is it current that concerns were raised about this site by the Deputy Premier?

2. How many properties would there be to house youths on bail under this option, what is the capacity of each site and what are the locations? Has this plan been passed by Cabinet?

I'm on (07) 3666 6126 if you can provide any background on the above questions.

Thanks,

Kelmeny

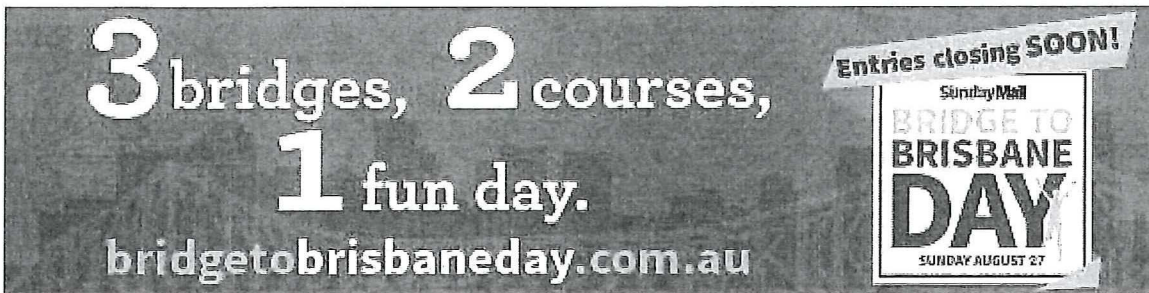
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