

Kym Peake QONs – Parliamentary Inquiry into Youth Justice Centres in Victoria

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1.	<p>Agency v Departmental Staff figures. Not overall figures, only if agency staff were ever the most numbers on a shift. (Fitzherbert)</p> <p>“We heard from some former staff at a recent hearing who told us that there were occasions when the majority of staff at Malmsbury on some shifts were agency staff. Is that right? Is it the case that there would have been a majority of agency staff on some shifts?”</p>	<p>There are some instances where units at Malmsbury have had more agency staff on the shift than departmental staff.</p> <p>The use of agency staff has been required in order to manage staff shortages and leave coverage.</p> <p>DJR is working to stabilise the workforce through a targeted recruitment campaign, which includes a particular focus on recruitment in the Bendigo area. This will reduce the need for agency use over time, and stabilise the workforce into the future.</p>
2.	<p>Were any young people moved to Grevillea involved in the riots, and how many? (Crozier)</p>	<p>Consistent with our obligations under the <i>Children, Youth and Families Act 2005</i> and the Charter, the decision making on who was selected to be moved to Grevillea was not based only on participation in the incidents at Parkville from 12 – 14 November 2016.</p> <p>Young people may spend time in multiple youth justice centres during their period in custody.</p> <p>Twenty-two young people listed in departmental records as being involved in the incidents at the Parkville Youth Justice Centre from 12-14 November 2016 spent time at the Grevillea Youth Justice Precinct during its operation.</p>

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3.	How many young people involved in the riots were subsequently moved to Parkville and Malmsbury? (Crozier)	<p>Young people may spend time in multiple youth justice centres during their period in custody.</p> <p>Of the young people listed in departmental records as being involved in the incidents at Parkville Youth Justice Centre from 12-14 November 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31 young people were transferred to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct after the incidents and prior to the opening of the Grevillea Youth Justice Precinct • 12 young people remained at Parkville Youth Justice Precinct after the incidents and prior to the opening of the Grevillea Youth Justice Precinct. <p>On the final day the Grevillea Youth Justice Precinct operated, there were two young people at the Grevillea Youth Justice Precinct who were listed in departmental records as being involved in the incidents at Parkville Youth Justice Centre from 12-14 November 2016. One young person was transferred to the Parkville Youth Justice Precinct and the other to the Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct.</p>
4.	Average length of stay for remandees in Parkville and Malmsbury?	<p>The 'Meeting needs and reducing reoffending' review uses the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2015-16 figure of 52 days as the average length of time spent on remand in Victoria's youth justice system.</p> <p>The review recommends a number of changes to data collection to ensure accurate and timely reporting for client and system management. Youth Justice had also identified data issues requiring rectification within the CRIS system, remand data being one of the areas impacted. As a result, DHHS and DJR have commenced a data integrity project to improve the quality of data within CRIS.</p> <p>We have not identified that these inaccuracies have had any impact on the appropriate care of young people in custodial facilities or in the appropriate discharge of court orders.</p>
5.	Accommodation at Malmsbury for staff? (Details and costs of accommodation for staff)	<p>The company that provides agency staff for Malmsbury Youth Justice Precinct offers accommodation to staff outside of the area who travel to Malmsbury for shifts. The cost is built into their contract as part of their hourly pricing structure.</p>

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6.	When did Ian Lanyon leave his position as Director, Secure Services?	Ian Lanyon concluded his role as Director, Secure Services on 17 January 2017.