

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 987**  
**Asked on 2 September 2021**

**MR D LAST** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

**QUESTION:**

With reference to Queensland's prisons—

Will the Minister advise how many (a) assaults against staff occurred in the 2020-21 financial year, (b) assaults resulted in prisoners being charged and (c) prisoners were charged with offences relating to contraband?

**ANSWER:**

In relation to this question, I refer the Member to the 2021-22 Service Delivery Statement.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) Corrective Services Investigation Unit (CSIU) is responsible for investigating criminal offences within correctional facilities, state-wide.

A police officer's decision to commence proceedings against a person for an offence is based on a number of factors, including the sufficiency of evidence and whether the public interest will be served in pursuing a prosecution.

I am advised that the CSIU charged 299 prisoners with 405 offences in the 2020-21 financial year. These offences include staff assaults by prisoners and prisoner on prisoner assaults.

It is also to be noted regional policing units at times are requested to attend correctional facilities to manage urgent matters which may not be counted in the figures provided.

The QPS has advised the possession of contraband by prisoners includes the possession of prohibited things. The *Corrective Services Regulation 2006* defines prohibited things. I am advised that, in addition to the 66 prisoners charged with possession of a 'prohibited things' (contraband items) within Queensland correctional facilities in the 2020-21 financial year, 683 prisoners were dealt with by way of breach action.