LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE – ESTIMATES 2012
Question on Notice
No. 1

QUESTION:

Page 3 of the SDS refers to Queensland's capacity to manage major events. Would the Minister please outline for the Committee what activities the Queensland Police Service is undertaking to prepare for Queensland hosting the G20 Summit?

ANSWER:

In November 2014, Brisbane will host the Group of Twenty (G20) Leaders Summit, with the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting to be held in Cairns.

These G20 events present a significant logistical and security undertaking with past G20 Summits having been subject to intense lobbying by advocacy groups and large scale protest activity.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is committed to working closely with State and Australian Government agencies to ensure the security of delegates and the community during these events.

In preparation for the G20 events, the QPS is establishing a dedicated group of approximately 120 QPS personnel to plan security for this event. A draft Concept of Operations, conceptual governance framework and organisational structure for the group is currently being prepared; and risk profiles for the Summit and Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting are under development.

It is estimated that approximately 4,300 police personnel (including the Australian Defence Force) will be required to deliver security and public safety services during the Summit. A separate commitment of approximately 2,000 police may be required to provide policing services to the Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting. Staffing for both events will be augmented by police from Australasian jurisdictions.

Significant training commitments are required in order for the QPS to meet the increased security, dignitary protection, public order and intelligence needs for both meetings. For example, over the next two years, approximately 400 personnel will need to be trained in dignitary protection.

Additionally, there will be a need for enhancements to information communication technologies to support the secure and rapid dissemination of information. The Australian Government has agreed to provide funding to upgrade Queensland's communications network from analogue to digital.

As this event is an Australian Government responsibility, that Government will pay the majority of costs, as it has with similar events in other States.

The Prime Minister has agreed to the Queensland Government's request for funding, including additional police costs directly associated with hosting the event.

The Australian Government has given an undertaking that no Queensland community will be left with inadequate police resources due to the Summit.

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Question on Notice
No. 2

QUESTION:

Reference is made to providing additional crime fighting resources in Cairns on page 4 of the SDS. Would the Minister please provide the committee with further details of what is being targeted and the resources provided to address crime in Cairns?

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to making the streets of our communities safe. As part of this commitment, the Government is employing a multi-agency approach to address crime and anti-social issues in the Cairns CBD.

In the 2012-13 Budget, the Government has provided $500,000 in funding for Operation Escalate, which will focus on crime, public order, and intoxication issues in the Cairns CBD. This operation will run until the end of December 2012, with twenty additional officers provided to assist Cairns police to tackle juvenile crime and alcohol related anti-social behaviour.

From 16 July 2012 to 15 September 2012, the operation has resulted in 519 charges for a variety of offences including good order, assault and property related offences.

A number of activities are being undertaken by Cairns police to address recidivist property offenders. For example, Operation Deflection has a particular emphasis on recidivist juvenile property offenders who continue to commit further offences while on bail.

Make no mistake, the Government will not tolerate those who break the law. But in addition to focussing on law and order, we are also focussing on the underlying social problems that cause criminal behaviour.

Police are participating in the Cairns Youth Engagement and Action Group, which meets bi-monthly under the auspices of the Cairns Regional Council to engage with young people and provide a forum for youth to express their ideas.

Police are also working with the Department of Communities to reduce the involvement of Indigenous youth in criminal activity.

Homelessness is one issue that is contributing to anti-social behaviour in the Cairns CBD and police are involved in a number of initiatives to address this problem including the Cairns Homeless Planning Group and Homelessness Planning Group Taskforce.

Cairns police also meet monthly with stakeholders involved in the Cairns Liquor Licensing Accord, to monitor and address alcohol-related issues associated with licensed premises.

Another initiative operating in the CBD involves a partnership with the Cairns Regional Council using its CCTV network. The Council provides information to the Cairns City Esplanade Police Beat office regarding public order and crime related issues detected by its CCTV network, to enable police to respond early to potential incidents.

Preliminary crime statistics for Cairns from 1 July 2012 to 1 September 2012 show total reported offences are down over 24% on the same two month period last year.

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No. 3

QUESTION:

On page 5 of the SDS, the Government has provided $21.7 million for the continued operation of mobile and fixed speed camera operations throughout Queensland aimed at reducing road trauma. Would the Minister please explain the rationale for installing fixed speed cameras in the Airport Link tunnel?

ANSWER:

Research shows that around 1 in every 5 road fatalities is speed related, and that both covert and overt enforcement strategies have a role in deterring speeding and improving road safety outcomes. The Government is committed to road safety and we make no apology for targeting drivers who needlessly put Queenslanders lives at risk by speeding.

Crashes that occur in tunnels are far more difficult and complex for police and emergency services to respond to because of the confined, isolated nature of the environment, which can be exacerbated by an inevitable traffic bank-up. This can translate to delays in getting to and extracting injured people, and restoring traffic flow.

Fixed speed cameras brought to the attention of motorists by large, unambiguous signage, are an appropriate way to mitigate this risk.

Fixed speed cameras are currently in operation in the Airport Link Tunnel. Up to six cameras will be rotated through several camera sites to monitor vehicle speeds for southbound and northbound traffic.

The speed cameras will enforce all speed limits applied. Speeds in the tunnel may vary between 40kmh and 80kmh, depending on the circumstances.

All speeds are supported by message boards and drivers are provided with sufficient advice and warning that changed speed limits apply.

The cameras in the Airport Link tunnel are about keeping motorists to the speed limit and keeping all tunnel users safe.

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No. 4

QUESTION:

On page 4 of the QPS SDS, reference is made to an additional 1,100 new police being provided over the next four years at a total cost of $358.3 million. Would the Minister please outline the progress being made in recruiting and training these officers?

ANSWER:

Providing additional front line police is a key plank of the Government's *Safer Streets Crime Action Plan* and we've committed to recruiting an additional 1,100 police, over and above attrition, in the next four years.

This will revitalise frontline policing services and deliver safer streets for Queensland communities. The recruiting and training of these officers is well underway.

Since April 2012, recruit intakes have been increased to achieve an additional 300 police officers inducted before 30 June 2013. As at 30 September 2012, 459 recruits have commenced in the recruit training program and a further 336 are scheduled to commence training over the next four months to ensure the additional officers are inducted before 30 June 2013.

Recruit intake scheduling for 2013-14 is currently being finalised to ensure all 1,100 additional police officers are inducted over the four year period.

The Queensland Police Service maintains high standards for police recruit selection. Police recruit selection includes a comprehensive assessment of an applicant's potential to perform the difficult and challenging role of a general duties police officer, including:
  – physical health and fitness;
  – personal integrity;
  – cognitive ability and literacy;
  – psychological suitability (personality and psychopathology);
  – practical policing skills (e.g. driving, verbal communication); and
  – life and work experience.

From 1 June 2012, recruit requirements have been revised to attract a broader range of applicants. This brings Queensland into line with police recruiting practices interstate, and will ensure the Queensland Police Service reflects the community it serves.

Previously, all applicants required some level of tertiary education. The new entrance criteria make it possible for younger people or people with significant full time work experience to apply to be a police officer. This gives people like teachers' aides, tradespeople and school leavers the opportunity to consider a career as a police officer.

Under the new process, all police recruit applicants, regardless of education or employment experience, must sit a 2.5 hour cognitive ability and literacy pre-application test.

In addition, applicants must still meet existing entry requirements, including:
  – having physical and mental fitness, integrity, residency, and a drivers licence;

- having completed year 12 or been in full time paid employment for three years; and
- being at least 18 years of age.

To assess their suitability to become a police officer, eligible applicants will then undergo an extensive selection process, including:
- psychological assessment;
- background and referee checks;
- policing skills assessment; and
- being interviewed by a panel that includes a community representative.

Since the new recruitment process commenced on 1 June 2012, the police recruiting call centre has experienced a surge of interest from people wanting to become a police officer, with an average of 1,000 calls per week.

As at 21 September 2012, over 7,000 people have completed an expression of interest and more than 3,200 eligible people have undertaken the pre-application recruit entrance examination.

A further 1,347 eligible people are currently being booked in for the entrance exam over the coming months to further enhance the 2013-14 recruit applicant pool.

The QPS has also approved a change to the recruit training program, which will commence in January 2013 at the Oxley Academy. The new program is the first segment of 18 months of training that includes a 12 month operational Field Training component.

The initial course has been reduced from 30 weeks to 25 weeks by:
- reducing the amount of recreation leave taken during this training to one week (down from two weeks); and
- providing recruits with a package that enables them to complete elementary foundation components of the course prior to their arrival at the Academy.

The new recruit curriculum has a greater focus on the skills required of a constable under supervision. A key aspect is the graduated immersion model where recruits are expected to perform increasingly realistic policing roles. For example, in addition to classroom-based training, training in use-of-force options is integrated throughout the program with recruits required to select and use all skills, tools and weapons in increasing complex environments and situations.

The time allocated for taser training is the same as in the previous recruit training program and firearms and driving training is provided through one week intensive 'block' training, with additional time integrated throughout the course.

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No. 5

QUESTION:

Minister, a Queensland Police Service strategy noted on page 3 of the SDS is to 'promote community understanding of police actions and activity.' Would you please inform the Committee about how the Service is using social media to communicate public safety information; and in particular, the progress of the myPolice Blog initiative throughout Queensland?

ANSWER:

Engaging with the community is an essential part of policing and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has proved itself to be a community, national and world leader in engaging the community through social media. The QPS has received one international award and seven Queensland and Australian awards in recognition of its effective use of social media.

The QPS maintains one of the world's largest police Facebook pages with more than 300,000 Facebook followers and more than 28,000 Twitter followers. Each of these followers has the capacity to share QPS information within their own networks, allowing the QPS reach into the community even further. Every day, the QPS receives nearly 4,000 pieces of feedback from the community through the Facebook page.

The QPS has continued to use social media as an efficient and effective way to disseminate public safety information and to keep the public informed regarding police actions and activities that affect local communities. Missing persons, child abduction alerts and appeals for public assistance are among the information regularly published on the QPS Facebook and Twitter channels as required.

The QPS launched the myPolice blog in Dutton Park in late 2011 as another tool to interact with the community and provide information. MyPolice blogs are now operating in the Cairns, Maryborough and Gold Coast areas. They allow communities to follow the activities of their local police and to interact through a secure convenient blog which operates 24 hours a day. With this technology, local police have the ability to provide essential information to the community and receive feedback about local issues. MyPolice blogs provide information on local community issues, crime prevention information and tips, current crime trends, public alerts and warnings, as well as state-wide issues. Details of incidents, including photographs, can be placed on the blogs immediately after an offence is reported, where it can be viewed by thousands of people. This is an effective tool for getting information out into the community as well as enlisting the public's assistance in solving offences.

The blogs also play an important role in engaging with visitors and tourists as well as providing information on major events such as the Gold Coast Marathon or Schoolies activities.

The myPolice Stock and Rural Crime Investigation Squad (SARCIS) blog commenced in September this year and is the latest myPolice blog to be rolled out.

The myPolice SARCIS blog enables people to become members of the SARCIS online community; follow the activities of the squad and engage with its members. It also provides information on specific topics of interest such as horse agistment, branding and trespass.

Further development of myPolice blogs is continuing and is planned to extend state-wide.

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No. 6

QUESTION:

As part of the Government's tough stance on law and order, on page 4 of the SDS, reference is made to the Government's intention to crack down on hooning. Would you please provide the committee with details on this initiative?

ANSWER:

This Government is cracking down on illegal street racing and hooning by introducing tough new anti-hoon laws that will improve road safety, deter repeat offenders, stop offenders by taking their cars away and provide efficiency gains for the QPS.

The current legislation enables police to impound a vehicle for 48 hours for hoon-related offences; for an additional offence of the same type, make a court application for a further period of up to three months impoundment; and for subsequent offences of the same type, make a court application for forfeiture of the vehicle.

During 2011-12, 8,397 vehicles were impounded and 184 vehicles were forfeited.

Under new legislation we are progressing, anyone committing a hooning offence could face automatically having their car clamped and off the road, at their own expense, for three months for their first offence.

Anyone who commits another hooning offence within a five year period after the first offence faces forfeiture of their vehicle, which can then be sold or crushed.

At present, when police intercept hoon offenders for a first hoon offence, they are legally required to institute court proceedings by means of a 'Notice to Appear'. This consumes unnecessary police and court time and resources.

We are amending laws to allow police to issue a ticket for a Type 2 'pre-impoundment' offence, rather than issuing a 'Notice to Appear' or making an arrest.

In addition, the Government is continuing to support a hotline to report hooning. As far back as 2008, the LNP advocated a hotline to allow residents to report hooning activity to the police for enforcement action. A hotline was eventually established in August 2010.

During 2011-12, over 11,419 calls from the public were answered on this service.

In October 2012, an online Hoon reporting service will be launched to provide an additional contact option for the community.

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No. 7

QUESTION:

Minister, page 3 of the SDS tells us the responsibilities of the Queensland Police Service include administering the law fairly and efficiently. Would you please update the committee on the Service's progress in reducing red tape, including the weapons review and the new Ministerial Weapons Advisory Panel?

ANSWER:

The Government is committed to cutting government red tape and regulation by 20%. This means making it easier for the community and business to deal with government.

In May 2012, I advised the Premier about six QPS red tape reduction initiatives:
- the new Weapons Licensing System, which will move licence applications to an online system;
- the Policelink project, which established a non-urgent police contact centre;
- reducing the 'wide load permit' application from seven forms to one;
- making weapons licence photographs valid for 10 years not 3 years;
- allowing the public to withdraw a property crime complaint through Policelink, rather than attending a station; and
- revising Directors' Liability Provisions in the weapons legislation and the prostitution legislation that are appropriate for reform.

I am pleased to advise that all of these initiatives will be implemented this year. This means people will be able to more easily access QPS services.

In addition, I have asked the QPS to provide me with weekly briefs identifying potential *new* red tape initiatives.

All members of the Service have been encouraged to submit suggestions to reduce red tape.

The QPS is working through a list of potential red tape initiatives submitted by police regions, commands and divisions.

The Government's Six Month Action Plan included an initiative to extend licence periods for legitimate gun owners. I am pleased to announce the Weapons Regulation has been amended to enable this.

Queensland is about to pass tough new legislation to tackle the illegal use of firearms. However, this legislation is not designed to capture legal gun owners, be they sporting shooters or farmers.

While it is not the Government's intention to water down gun laws or make it easier to get a licence, it makes little sense to clog the process with red tape once rigorous tests have been passed to acquire a licence.

Removing needless red tape would also free police officers from bureaucracy and enable them to resume other duties.

In addition to cracking down hard on criminals who use guns, the new laws to be considered by Cabinet later this month will address some of these burdensome red tape issues.

The legislation will also seek to clarify poorly-framed regulations which are the source of much confusion, particularly among farmers.

Shortly after I became Minister for Police and Community Safety, I received a delegation representing many types of legitimate firearms owners, concerned about high levels of bureaucracy and red tape.

After that meeting I agreed to set up a Ministerial Weapons Advisory Panel to give a voice to these concerns and to see what we could do to answer them.

Again, please let me stress: this is not an attempt to water down gun laws or make it easier to get a licence. We intend to keep all our safeguards firmly in place.

The Panel is comprised of:
- Robert Nioa, President, Firearms Dealers Association of Queensland;
- Chris Ray (for Paul Feeney), Queensland Shooters Association;
- Geoff Jones, President, Sporting Shooters Association of Australia (Queensland);
- Dr Samara McPhedran, chairwoman, International Coalition for Women in Shooting and Hunting (WISH);
- Rob Harrold, Secretary, Shooters Union;
- Ian Levers, Police Union;
- David Kelly, Halls Firearms, Townsville;
- Michael Welsh, Agforce.

The panel's first meeting was held on 18 September 2012.

All members agreed that the weapons licensing system needed to be streamlined to eliminate frustrating and costly delays.

I outlined for them details of Stage 2 of the new weapons licensing system which comes into force in November.

Stage 2 will allow clients to apply for new licences and Permits to Acquire online.

There will also be an online credit card payment facility.

This will considerably ease the bureaucratic burden of labour-intensive and error-prone manual data entry.

The panel raised a number of concerns that were causing unnecessary delays for legitimate firearms owners.

We have agreed to further investigate ways of streamlining the process.

I hope future discussions will continue to be positive, leading to good outcomes for legal firearms owners, the police and the people of Queensland.

QUESTION:

Rural Fires

Minister, with reference to the budget highlights outlined on page 5 of the SDS, you have since announced a Ministerial Review into the Rural Fire Service. Can you outline the scope and aims of the review to reassure volunteer fire fighters that any subsequent structural changes flowing from this review will not impede Queensland's fire-fighting preparedness?

ANSWER:

On 20 September 2012, I appointed the Member for Mirani, Mr Ted Malone MP to head a special Ministerial Review into the Rural Fire Service (RFS).

Mr Malone MP will be assisted by senior members of the RFS and Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, to investigate a new model that brings more autonomy, efficiency and less red tape that has been tying up hardworking rural firefighters who just want to get on with the job.

The review will involve investigating and providing options regarding the functions, structure, leadership and funding of the Rural Fire Service.

Specifically, I note Mr Malone MP will make recommendations on:
- The appropriateness of the current functions of the Rural Fire Service;
- A structure that provides leadership and service focused support to frontline firefighters while reducing unnecessary reporting, bureaucracy and red tape;
- A support structure that recognises the different needs, training requirements and autonomy levels of the various classes of brigade;
- The place of the Rural Fire Service within fire services more generally;
- Ways to boost frontline resources by identifying areas and roles where efficiencies can be made;
- Ways to support brigades in their management of risk, in areas such as fire prevention and land management;
- Alternative means of funding rural fire services;
- Ways to increase empowerment of rural fire brigades and personnel at the local level;
- Ways to improve cooperation at a local level between the rural fire services and the State Emergency Service including the role of Emergency Service Units; and
- Other relevant matters.

It is critical that the review ensures a high degree of cooperation between urban and rural fire services is maintained and that risk management remains paramount. Therefore, as I have previously announced, no adjustments to

the rural operations structure will take place until after the fire season ceases in March 2013.

Furthermore, the review will take account of the reports of the Queensland Floods Commission of Inquiry and arrangements in other jurisdictions for rural fire and other emergency service organisations.

The review will not impede the leadership and management functions of the Director-General, Department of Community Safety or Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service. Any interim decisions by these officers regarding the operation of rural fire services over the fire season will be addressed, where necessary, in the final recommendations.

The critical focus of the review will be to deliver improved outcomes for the Rural Fire Service and meet the contemporary objectives of government and expectations of the broader community.

The review is supported by the Rural Fire Brigades Association of Queensland; putting Rural Fire Brigades back on track to achieve a model that empowers our volunteer firefighters to defend their communities not only from fire, but also from flood and cyclone.

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No. 9**

QUESTION:

GPS Monitoring of Sex Offenders

The SDS makes reference to 'additional funding for the monitoring of high risk offenders using GPS technology'. Can the Minister advise what this technology encompasses and how many offenders are currently subject to GPS monitoring?

ANSWER:

This financial year, the Government has increased the expenditure for the Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring of dangerous sex offenders to $3.5 million, up from $2.2 million last financial year.

This government has made a commitment to ensure dangerous sex offenders are GPS tracked if a court bid to have them locked up does not succeed.

There are 79 offenders subject to GPS monitoring as at 4 October 2012.

Dangerous sex offenders, who are subject to court orders under the *Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) Act 2003* (DPSOA), are intensively supervised under extremely strict conditions. This is why only seven (or approximately 5%) of the 136 DPSOA offenders released under the DPSOA since 2003 have sexually reoffended during their order.

Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) dedicate considerable resources to ensure the safety of the Queensland community from dangerous sex offenders supervised under the DPSOA. QCS staff carrying out case management and supervision play the most important role in managing DPSOA offenders; GPS monitoring is an important tool that supports these staff.

The GPS monitoring technology works by providing location and time information through line of sight to GPS satellites. GPS monitoring consists of an electronic device attached to the offender, allowing their whereabouts to be monitored. The GPS devices report their position back to the central monitoring system and also have the capacity to revert to Radio Frequency monitoring in the offender's home residence.

GPS monitoring helps to enforce the strict supervision of dangerous sex offenders, through the ability to monitor their movements, curfews and multiple exclusion zones, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The GPS system provides QCS with an alert when any of these restrictions are breached.

If an offender tampers with the GPS devices, or removes the device, QCS is alerted. Breaking or cutting the straps generates an immediate alert to the central monitoring station.

QCS and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) have established a joint communication process in the event of a significant breach of GPS monitoring. If such an incident occurs, the QPS and QCS provide prompt information to the community through mainstream media on the description, picture and basic offences of DPSOA offenders who remove their device and commit significant breaches of their supervision order.

To further strengthen the response to an incidence of an offender absconding and removing their GPS device, QCS is currently implementing a targeted SMS notification process targeting certain organisations (schools, child care centres, hospitals and aged care facilities) in proximity to contingency accommodation sites at Wacol, Rockhampton and Townsville to augment the broad community notification processes.

Should these organisations register for inclusion in the SMS notification process, they will receive SMS notifications advising that a bulletin has been released on QPS and QCS social media.

This process would ensure that relevant parties are informed if an offender has absconded in their area, and can determine what precautions, if any, they wish to take.

QUESTION:

Emergency Service Vehicles

Minister, page 20 and 21 of the SDS details the Government's allocation for new and replacement vehicles for the Queensland Ambulance Service and the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service. Can the Minister please explain how the roll out of these resources will assist firefighters and ambulance officers throughout Queensland?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Fire and Rescue Service (QFRS) and the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) manages and maintains a high quality fleet to ensure the safety of all Queensland communities.

For the QFRS, in 2012-13 a budget of $15.95 million has been allocated for 21 urban fire and rescue appliances and 24 rural fire appliances.

These urban resources are replacing existing appliances that have reached the end of their serviceable life. The replacement appliances comprise a mix of Type 2 Urban Pumper Tankers, Type 3 Urban Pumpers, Medium Rescue Appliances and an Operational Support Unit. These appliances provide our firefighters with the latest technology in fire fighting systems, road crash rescue tools, communication systems, vehicle safety design and emission standards.

For the volunteers of the Rural Fire Service, four new specialised water tankers will be completed this financial year along with 20 replacement appliances. The water tankers are an addition to the fleet, and will be available for deployment to the most at-risk areas as required. The vehicles have four wheel drive capability, allowing access to more locations and have water carrying capacity in excess of 3000 litres.

For the QAS, this year our Government has allocated a budget of $18.4 million to commission 130 new and replacement ambulance vehicles as part of a comprehensive vehicles replacement and commissioning program.

The QAS operates a rolling vehicle acquisition and fit-out program to ensure a continuous flow of new and replacement ambulance vehicles across the State. Ambulance vehicle replacement is based on a rigorous assessment regime, which considers the overall mechanical condition, age, kilometres travelled and other associated factors of the vehicle.

A highlight of the 2011-12 and 2012-13 vehicle build is the development of the single stretcher Toyota LandCruiser cab chassis with a manufactured patient

care compartment. This QAS vehicle has been specifically designed to meet the QAS operational requirements both on-road and off-road.

This Government is committed to providing, updating and boosting resources so our dedicated ambulance personnel and firefighters can continue to serve the community.

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No. 11

QUESTION:

With reference to table 5.4 on page 88 of Budget Paper 2, which shows a decrease in current grants funding by the Queensland Government in 2012-13, will the Minister list all grant funding allocations that have been cut by the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety for non-government and community organisations and projects in the 2012-13 State Budget, listed in the same format as used by the Health Minister in response to Question on Notice 445?

ANSWER:

Queensland Police Service
The Queensland Police Service's (QPS) grants and subsidies expense budget will increase from $3.1 million in 2011-12 to $5.7 million in 2012-13. This increase of $2.6 million is due to new grant funding being provided for community policing services in the Torres Strait.

The QPS does not anticipate cutting any recurrent grant funding for non-government and community organisations and projects in 2012-13. Funding allocations for some programs, such as the Community Crime Prevention Fund, are still to be determined.

Grant funding is also received from external sources and on-forwarded by QPS for programs such as the Coordinated Response to Young People at Risk and National Drug Strategy Law Enforcement Funding Council. The QPS does not have any control over the continuity of this funding.

Department of Community Safety

The Department of Community Safety (DCS) provides grants and subsidies to various government and non-government organisations to support community activities which achieve goals and objectives consistent with government policy.

The DCS 2012-13 budget for grants and subsidies is $56 million. This exceeds the 2011-12 estimated actual of $34 million by $22 million.

Grants and subsidies that were paid in 2011-12 but are not included in the 2012-13 budget are listed in Attachment A.

	Organisation	Project	2011/2012 Funding ($ Exc GST)	End Date
Not being renewed beyond 30 June 2012				
QCS	Interact Australia - Bridging the Gap	Bridging the Gap Pilot Project	245,000	Bridging the Gap Project funding ended 30-Jun-12
QCS	Summook Pty Ltd	Visitor Transport Services	77,196	Tendered service – contract ended. Service continued in 2012-13 under new provider
QCS	Wide Bay Tours	Visitor Transport Services	39,362	Tendered service – contract ended. Service continued in 2012-13 under new provider
QAS	QHealth	Ravenshoe Ambulance Station	911,167	Capital grant paid for the construction of the ambulance station on QHealth land.
EMQ	James Cook University	Support of the Centre of Disaster Studies	20,000	30-Jun-12 funding ceased.
CS	Public Service Commission	ANZSOG program	38,500	No funding requirement submitted for 2012-13. One off payments.
CS	Public Service Commission	WOG Graduate Program	12,000	No funding requirement submitted for 2012-13. One off payment
CS	Public Service Commission	National Careers and Employment Expo	14,000	No funding requirement submitted for 2012-13. One off payment.
CS	Department of Communities	Queensland Government Corporate Games subsidy	2,689	One off payment made August 2011.
CS	Australian Workers Heritage Centre	Contribution to DCS Display	12,000	Commitment for 2011-12 & 2012-13 only.

CS	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Queensland Government Image Library Project	24,800	One off payment made 2011-12.
CS	Fire Brigade Historical Society Qld	Construction of a shed for fire fighting vehicles	12,000	One off payment made 2011-12.

DCS - Department of Community Safety
QAS - Queensland Ambulance Service
QFRS - Queensland Fire and Rescue Service
EMQ - Emergency Management Queensland
QCS - Queensland Corrective Services

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No. 12

QUESTION:

With reference to Schedule 2 in the Appropriation Bill 2012, outlining the 2012-13 funding allocations for the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety, will the Minister list every work unit, branch and/or division that has been abolished within the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety, and the number of staff positions contained within each abolished work area, as part of the process of developing the 2012-13 State Budget?

ANSWER:

Queensland Police Service
There have been no work units, branches or divisions that have been abolished as a result of the 2012-13 State Budget.

The Queensland Police Service will identify and lose up to 332 positions in implementing the outcomes of the 2012-13 State Budget. The reductions will not impact on frontline policing.

The Queensland Police Service has already abolished 120 "back office" staff member positions, comprising permanent positions that were not filled, and long-term funded temporary positions.

By 30 June 2013, the Queensland Police Service will identify and lose up to 212 additional staff member positions. This will be achieved through the identification of further vacancies, as well as the implementation of voluntary redundancies.

It is yet to be determined where the voluntary redundancies will be offered.

Department of Community Safety

The following work units, branches and/or divisions have been abolished within the Department of Community Safety as part of the process of developing the 2012-13 budget. As a result, 136 positions with permanent incumbents were announced as no longer required.

Work Unit Abolished	Division	Possible Permanent Employee Losses
The Emergency Services Cadet Program work unit	EMQ	9
Darling Downs Correctional Centre including dairy farm	QCS	24
The Capricornia Correctional Centre dairy farm	QCS	0
The Industries Development Unit	QCS	3
The Judicial Liaison Unit	QCS	0
The Delivering Justice Initiatives work unit	QCS	0
Library	QFRS	3
Building Services Unit	QFRS	8
Health and Wellness Unit	QFRS	3
Community Liaison Officers	QFRS	9
Indigenous Officers	QFRS	3
Strategic Policy Division	SPD	47
Corporate Support Division	CSD	27
Total		**136**

For impacted employees, the Department is attempting to allocate displaced employees to another position through internal vacancy matching where possible.

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No. 13

QUESTION:

With reference to page 5 of the Queensland Police Service's Service Delivery Statement (QPS SDS), which lists achievements of the government's First 100 Day Plan including working to transition "around 50 police from behind office desks" to the frontline, will the Minister list the 50 police officers (by position and rank) that have been identified as being eligible for transfer to the frontline and nominate the new positions to which these officers have/will be transferred?

ANSWER:

The Government made a commitment to move up to 200 police from behind office desks back to the frontline, with around 50 being redeployed each year.

A decision has not yet been made on the officers eligible for transfer to the frontline, and the positions to which these officers will be transferred.

Action is underway to identify those officers and positions suitable for transition.

This includes officers in surplus back office positions who are able to transition to frontline roles such as those in police communications centres and watchhouses.

Appropriate consultation with both police unions will continue with respect to any proposed transitions.

2012
Estimates Committee
Question on Notice
No. 14

QUESTION:

With reference to page 3 of the QPS SDS, which notes the challenges to the QPS regarding major and organised crime, will the Minister provide details relating to the State Crime Operations Command (broken down by section/squad/group) for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, particularly:
a) funding allocations (in total and for each section/squad/group); and
b) the number of staff employed in each section/squad/group?

ANSWER:

a) Budgets are allocated to each Region or Command.

Assistant Commissioners set, monitor and adjust district/group budgets throughout the year. This ensures service delivery is responsive to demand.

As group budgets are fluid and not centrally managed, it is not possible to provide budget figures.

Actual expenditure for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 to 23 September 2012 is included in the attached table.

b) Approved staff employed in each group in 2010-11, 2011-12 and as at 23 September 2012 is provided in the attached table. This includes police officers and staff members.

SCOC Groups	2010/11 Net Expenditure	2011/12 Net Expenditure	2012/13 Net Expenditure to 23/9/12	No. of Employees 2010/11	No. of Employees 2011/12	No. of Employees as at 23/9/12
Assistant Commissioner's Office	$ 2,901,071	$ 3,791,610	-$ 126,312[1]	20	20	20
Chief Superintendent Office	$ 2,103,092	$ 2,366,884	$ 602,629	17	20	21
Child Safety and Sexual Crime Group	$ 8,053,512	$ 9,113,284	$ 1,880,230	106	105	103
Covert & Surveillance Group	$14,644,099	$16,315,698	$ 3,766,478	151	151	151
Fraud and Corporate Crime Group	$ 5,870,487	$ 6,078,948	$ 1,327,263	70	70	69
Homicide Group	$ 9,813,392	$ 8,840,814	$ 1,992,204	77	77	77
Organised Crime Group	$ 7,575,153	$ 8,703,802	$ 2,025,442	84	84	96
State Drug and Property Crime Group	$ 8,597,426	$ 8,924,608	$ 1,821,139	83	82	80
State Intelligence Group	$ 6,772,974	$ 7,525,659	$ 1,571,395	99	99	101
State Security Operations Group	$ 5,868,846	$ 6,146,872	$ 1,390,376	66	66	66
Total	**$72,200,052**	**$77,808,179**	**$ 16,250,844**	**773**	**774**	**784**

[1] The 2012/13 Net Expenditure to 23/9/12 for the Assistant Commissioner's Office is currently negative due to secondments to other agencies.

LEGAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE – ESTIMATES 2012
Question on Notice
No. 15

QUESTION:

With reference to page 84 of Budget Paper 2 of the 2012-13 Budget, will the Minister advise how many positions (broken down by permanent, temporary, casual and contract) have been abolished since 26 March 2012 in the Queensland Police Service and the Department of Community Safety, listed by job title, salary level and location and/or departmental region?

ANSWER:

Queensland Police Service
Since 26 March 2012, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has had an Establishment Management Program in place with the aim of reducing the number of staff member positions within the Service.

The Establishment Management Program restricted the advertising of positions to ensure that only those that were priority positions were filled. The result was an increased number of positions that remained vacant and were counted towards the required reduction in staff member positions.

As a result of the Establishment Management Program, the QPS has abolished the equivalent of 120 full time staff member positions since 26 March 2012. The 120 positions included some positions that were part-time roles resulting in 123 actual positions being abolished to equate to 120 full time positions. Of the 123 positions abolished, 102 were permanent positions and 21 were long term funded temporary positions.

In addition, 131 shorter-term unfunded temporary positions have not been extended.

There were no casual or SES or executive contract positions abolished.

Attached is a list of all positions abolished by organisational unit, job title and classification level.

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
COMMISSIONERS OFFICE	PROJ OFFCR	AO8
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	MNGR (EXEC SERVS)	AO7
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	SNR EXEC SERVS OFFCR	AO6
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	SNR PROJ OFFCR	AO6
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
OFF OF THE COMMISSIONER	EXEC SERVS OFFCR	AO5
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR	AO5
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	PRINC INVEST	AO7
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	SNR INVEST	AO6
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	SNR ETHICS ADVISOR	AO6
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	SNR RESEARCH OFFCR	AO6
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	SNR RESEARCH OFFCR	AO6
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	SNR RESEARCH OFFCR	AO6
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR (HONOURS & AWARDS)	AO3
ETHICAL STANDARDS COMMAND	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OFFICE OF THE QPS SOLICITOR	SNR LEGAL OFFCR	PO4
OFFICE OF THE QPS SOLICITOR	LEGAL SUPP OFFCR	AO4
OFFICE OF THE QPS SOLICITOR	PRINC LEGAL OFFCR	PO6
OFFICE OF THE QPS SOLICITOR	SNR LEGAL OFFCR	PO5
OFFICE OF THE QPS SOLICITOR	SNR LEGAL OFFCR	PO5
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	PRINC PROJ OFFCR	AO8
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	OFFICE ADMTR	AO3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	GRADUATE ICT QLD GOVT	AO3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	ASST FINANCE OFFCR	AO3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	INFO MNGT OFFCR	AO5
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	HLTH SAFETY & IM COORD	AO5
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPERVISOR	AO4
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	STOREPERSON	OPOT3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	STOREPERSON	OPOT3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	STOREPERSON	OPOT3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	STOREPERSON	OPOT3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	TEAM LEADER (RECORDS MNGT)	AO6
ADMINISTRATION DIVISION	PUBLICATION SCHEME COORD	AO5
FINANCE DIVISION	SNR ACCTING OFFCR	AO6
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	PROJ OFFCR	AO6
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	CONSLT	AO5
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	SNR CONSLT	AO6

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	ASST HR ADVISOR	AO4
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	PROJ MNGR (FATIGUE MNGT)	AO7
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	SNR BUSINESS ANALYST	AO6
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	ASST PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES OFFCR	PO2
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	SNR EMPLOYEE RELATIONS OFFCR	AO7
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	SNR PROJ OFFCR (HUMAN RES)	AO6
HUMAN RESOURCES DIVISION	PROJ OFFCR (HUMAN RES)	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ MNGR	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TRNG DEVELOPER	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST ANALYST	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TRNG OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TRNG DEVELOPER	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TRNG DEVELOPER	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ COORD	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR PROJ OFFCR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC PROJ OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	CHANGE & COMM OFFCR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC CONSLT	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	BUSINESS ANALYST	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TRNG & DEV OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GEOGRAPHIC INFORM SERV ANALYST	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC PROJ OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ MNGR	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	MNGR (DATA MNGT)	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	INFO SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	INFO SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	INFO SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC QPRIME TRNG COORD	AO6

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	WEB DEVELOPER	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ MNGR	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC PROJ OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC PROJ OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ MNGR	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR (EQUIP)	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ DRCTR	SO
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR PROJ OFFCR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ OFFCR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR (TELECOMMUNICATION)	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	WINDOWS TECH DES SPECIALIST	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC DELIVERY COORD	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR PROJ ASSURANCE OFFCR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SOLUTION ARCHITECT	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC CAPABILITY DEV OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST ANALYST	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	CHANGE MNGT OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SUPP TEST ANALYST	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GROUP LEADER (TEST MNGR)	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST SUPERVISOR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST ANALYST	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR RELEASE MNGR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST ANALYST	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	TEST SUPERVISOR	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR TEST ANALYST	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR SYSTEMS ADMTR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ASST ICT SUPP OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR TECHNICAL BUSINESS ANALYST	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR SOFTWARE DEVELOPER	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR TECHNL BUSINESS ANALYST	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRP LEADER (INFO ANALYSIS)	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR DATABASE ADMTR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR DATABASE ADMTR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	DATABASE ADMTR	AO5

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	GRADUATE INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	PO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SERV DESK ANALYST	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC SYSTEM MNGT OFFCR	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC WINDOWS SERVER TECH SPEC	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ASST DESKTOP SOLTNS OFFCR	AO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC WINDOWS SERVER TECH SPEC	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR DESKTOP TECHLGY SPEC	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PROJ MNGR	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SOLUTION ARCHITECT	AO8
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC DELIVERY COORD	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	PRINC ENTERPRISE ARCHITECT	AO7
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	MNGR (ENTERPRISE ARCH OFFICE)	SO
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR GIS ANALYST (SYSTEMS DEV)	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	INTELLECTUAL PROP COORD	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	WEB DEVELOPER	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	POLICY OFFCR (INFO SECURITY)	AO5
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	SNR SECURITY PLAN & AUD OFFCR	AO6
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMN OFFCR	AO4
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	DATA ENTRY OPERATOR	AO3
INFO & COMMS TECHNOLOGY	FINANCE OFFCR	AO5
PUBLIC SAFETY NW MGMT CTR	NETWORK SPEC	AO6
PUBLIC SAFETY NW MGMT CTR	SNR NETWORK SUPP OFFCR	AO5
PUBLIC SAFETY NW MGMT CTR	OFFICE MNGR	AO5
PUBLIC SAFETY NW MGMT CTR	ICT OFFCR	AO3
EDUCATION & TRAINING	MNGR (CURRICULUM DEV & REV)	PO6
EDUCATION & TRAINING	COORD	PO5
EDUCATION & TRAINING	SNR STAFF DEV OFFCR	AO6
EDUCATION & TRAINING	INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	AO4
EDUCATION & TRAINING	DESKTOP PUBLISHING OFFCR	AO3
EDUCATION & TRAINING	ADMTV OFFCR	AO2
EDUCATION & TRAINING	PRINC STAFF DEV OFFCR	PO5
EDUCATION & TRAINING	MNGR (SMTDU)	AO7
EDUCATION & TRAINING	PROJ OFFCR	AO6
EDUCATION & TRAINING	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
EDUCATION & TRAINING	PROJ MNGR	AO8
EDUCATION & TRAINING	CONTRACTS OFFCR	AO6
EDUCATION & TRAINING	SNR RECORDS & ADMIN OFFCR	AO6
EDUCATION & TRAINING	COMM OFFCR	AO5
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER (SPECIALIST OPS) OFFICE (U)	ADMN OFFCR	AO4
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER	ADMN OFFCR	AO3

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
(SPECIALIST OPS) OFFICE (U)		
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	AO4
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ASST HLTH & SAFETY COORD	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	COMMS OPERATOR	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	TRNG & DEV OFFCR	AO5
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	FORENSIC SCIENTIST	PO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	FINGERPRINTS ANALYST	TO4
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	PROJ SUPP OFFCR	AO4
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	RELIEF MAINTENANCE CONTROLLER	PIL
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	RELIEF OPS COORD	OO5
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	CRIMINAL ANALYST	AO5
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	RESEARCH OFFCR	AO5
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ASST INTEL OFFCR	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	RESEARCH ANALYST	PO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	BUSINESS ADMIN COORD	AO5
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMN OFFCR (TEAM SUPERVISOR)	AO4
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMN OFFCR (TRNG)	AO3
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	TECHNICAL OFFCR	TO2
OPERATIONS SUPPORT COMM	TRNG & DEV OFFCR	AO5
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	RESEARCH OFFCR	PO2
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	SNR LEGAL OFFCR	PO5
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ASST INTEL OFFCR	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	REGISTRY OFFCR (CPOR)	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	REGISTRY OFFCR (CPOR)	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	SNR CRIMINAL ANALYST	AO6
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	INTEL OFFCR	AO4
STATE CRIME OPS COMMAND	INTEL OFFCR	AO4
FAR NORTHERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
FAR NORTHERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
FAR NORTHERN REGION	STOREPERSON	OPOT3
CENTRAL REGION	ADMN SUPP OFFCR	AO3

ORGANISATION UNIT	POSITION TITLE	POSITION CLASS
CENTRAL REGION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
CENTRAL REGION	INFO SUPP OFFCR	AO3
CENTRAL REGION	IMPOUNDMENT COORD	AO4
NORTHERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	RELIEF COMMS OPERATOR	AO3
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMN & REVIEW OFFCR	AO3
NORTH COAST REGION	RELIEF COMMS OPERATOR	AO3
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
NORTH COAST REGION	PROPERTY OFFCR	AO4
METROPOLITAN NORTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
METROPOLITAN NORTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
METROPOLITAN NORTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
METROPOLITAN NORTH REGION	STN CLIENT SERV OFFCR	AO3
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	PROJ COORD	AO6
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	PROJ LIAISON OFFCR	PO4
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
METROPOLITAN SOUTH REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	INFO TECHLGY OFFCR	AO4
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	ADMN OFFCR	AO3
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	CAR CLEANER/GARDENER	OPOT2
SOUTH EASTERN REGION	ADMTVE OFFCR	AO2
TOTAL 254		
Permanent 102		
Temporary 152		
Casual 0		
Contract (i.e. SES etc.) 0		

Department of Community Safety

The Department of Community Safety (DCS) is introducing a series of measures aimed at reducing costs and focusing on front line service delivery. As a result, 345 positions with permanent incumbents were announced as no longer required.

Where possible, the Department is attempting to allocate displaced employees to another position through internal vacancy matching.

Where suitable placements are not available within DCS, surplus employees will be given the option to either accept a voluntary redundancy or seek ongoing transfer opportunities through a whole-of-government placement pool.

I recently announced a Ministerial review of the Rural Fire Service to be undertaken by Mr Ted Malone MP. Any restructure and outcomes of this review will be actioned after the conclusion of the fire season.

Therefore the impacted positions, excluding Rural Fire Service, are as follows:

Position Title by Location	Possible permanent employee losses
Brisbane/South East Queensland	**240**
Activities Officer	2
Administration Officer	28
Administrative Supervisor	1
Adviser Operations	1
Assistant Director	1
Assistant Director-General	1
Building Complex Coordinator	1
Building Maintenance Support Officer	1
Carpenter	2
Category Manager	1
Cleaner	3
Communications Officer	2
Community Liaison Officer	6
Correctional Counsellor	4
Correctional Manager	2
Correctional Supervisor	1
Cultural Liaison Officer	1
Custodial Correctional Officer	15
Custodial Correctional Officer Dog Handler	3
Customer Relations Officer	1
Deputy Commissioner Probation and Parole	1
Director	6
Education Officer	2
Electrician	1
Employee Relations Advisor	2
Executive Assistant	7
Executive Director	3
Executive Manager	8

Executive Officer	1
Executive Support Officer	4
Facilities Supervisor	1
Food Services Supervisor	1
Graphic Design Officer	1
Groundsperson	1
Health and Fitness Coordinator	2
Human Resources Consultant	1
ICS Service Level Manager	1
Indigenous Liaison Officer	1
Information Rights Officer	1
Inspector - Office of Chief Inspector	1
Investigations Manager	1
Leading Hand Painter	1
Librarian	2
Library Manager	1
Litigation Support Officer	1
Manager	11
Network Support Engineer	3
Office Business Coordinator	1
Operations Manager	2
Operations Officer	2
Planning and Property Officer	2
Policy Advisor	2
Principal Advisor	4
Principal Consultant Multimedia	1
Principal Coordinator	1
Principal Information Rights Office	1
Principal Procurement Officer	1
Program Delivery Officer Level 1	4
Program Officer	3
Program Support Officer	2
Project Coordinator	2
Project Officer	3
Psychologist	2
Public Education Officer	1
QCSA Services Coordinator	1
Recruitment Administration Officer	3
Regional Director	3
Regional Manager	1
Regional Support Officer	1
Research and Development Officer	1
Research Manager	1
Risk and Reporting Officer	1
Senior Advisor	4
Senior Audit Consultant	1
Senior Communications Technician	4
Senior Finance Officer	1
Senior General Manager	1
Senior Graphic Design Officer	1
Senior Information Rights Advisor	1

Senior Inspector Office of the Chief Inspector	1
Senior Library Technician	1
Senior Management Accountant	1
Senior Network Engineer	3
Senior Policy Advisor	3
Senior Practitioner	1
Senior Project Officer	1
Smoke Alarm Subsidy Scheme Officer	1
Staff Training Coordinator	1
Stores Supervisor	1
Support Officer	4
System Administrator	1
Systems Coordinator Risk and Business Improvement	1
Team Leader	2
Technical and Administrative Support Officer	1
Technical and Building Maintenance Coordinator	1
Technical Assistant	1
Technical Communications Team Leader	1
Technical Draftsperson	1
Technical Officer	1
Technical Project Officer	1
Technical Support Officer	1
Technical Writer	1
Training Coordinator Custodial Operations	1
Training Support Officer	2
Visits Processing Officer	1
Workplace Health and Safety Coordinator	1
Youth Development Officer	2
Northern Region	**11**
Administration Officer	4
Community Liaison Officer	1
Custodial Correctional Officer Dog Handler	1
Executive Manager	1
Industries Adviser	1
Project Coordinator	1
Regional Director	1
Youth Development Officer	1
Central Region	**16**
Activities Officer	1
Administration Officer	4
Catering Supervisor Farms	1
Community Liaison Officer	1
Correctional Counsellor	1
Custodial Correctional Officer Dog Handler	2
Education Officer	1
Indigenous Liaison Officer	1
Program Delivery Officer Level 1	1
Project Coordinator	1
Senior Practitioner	1
Youth Development Officer	1

Far Northern Region	10
Administration Officer	3
Community Education Officer	1
Community Liaison Officer	1
Indigenous Liaison Officer	1
Manager	1
Operations Officer	1
Program Delivery Officer Level 1	1
Youth Development Officer	1
Region TBC	**15**
Total	**292**

Salary Level by Location	Possible permanent employee losses
Brisbane/South East Queensland	**240**
AO2	20
AO3	29
AO4	22
AO5	31
AO6	21
AO7	19
AO8	13
APARA	1
ASO4	1
CO1	20
FMC06	2
FMC07	1
FMC08	2
FMC09	1
FSUPR	1
OO2	4
OO3	2
PO2	11
PO3	3
PO4	3
SES2	5
SES3	2
SO	11
SOF	1
TO2	2
TO3	7
TO4	2
TO5	1
TO6	1
CO2	1
Northern	**11**
AO2	2
AO3	2

AO4	1
AO5	2
AO6	1
AO8	1
CO1	1
SO	1
Central	**16**
AO2	4
AO4	3
AO5	1
AO6	1
CO1	3
PO2	2
PO3	1
PO4	1
Far Northern	**10**
AO2	1
AO3	3
AO4	2
AO5	2
AO7	1
PO2	1
Region TBC	**15**
Grand Total	**292**

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QUESTION:

With reference to page 3 of the QPS SDS regarding vulnerable people being over-represented as victims and offenders, will the Minister outline:
a) what initiatives or activities the Queensland Police Service is undertaking to reduce the number of vulnerable persons as victims and offenders;
b) what support services are available to police, through SupportLink, for referring vulnerable members of the community;
c) what impact budget cuts have had on these support services; and
d) any other factors that affect the Queensland Police Service's capacity to make referrals for vulnerable persons?

ANSWER:

a) Queensland police undertake a range of activities and initiatives to reduce the number of vulnerable persons as victims and offenders. These include:
  • the development of products to educate the community and reduce the risk posed to children by the Internet and related technologies;
  • ongoing work to address domestic violence in the community;
  • a variety of crime prevention projects such as Project Booyah; a joint initiative that aims to engage selected youths aged 13 to 17 years old, who are 'at risk' of criminal activities, anti-social behaviour, self-harm or substance abuse, or who are regularly exposed to these;
  • 'Walk Away, Chill Out', a partnership between the Matthew Stanley Foundation and Metropolitan South Region to promote the message to young people that walking away is a viable option for dealing with conflict;
  • School-Based Police Officers and Adopt A Cops, who support students at risk of offending; and
  • road safety campaigns like Stay on Track Outback; an initiative to educate older drivers about the different conditions and hazards on outback roads and instil safer driving techniques.

In addition, in May 2011, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) implemented a state-wide e-referral management system via SupportLink. SupportLink is a secure, web-based system to refer 'persons at risk' to local, state and national support service agencies. The system is facilitated through the QPS computer network via a portal to the e-referral system.

b) SupportLink has established partnerships with 175 national, state and local agencies to respond to QPS referrals, with local agencies preferred wherever possible. SupportLink works with partner agencies to provide appropriate services to individuals and families. Support services include:
  • counselling;
  • road and other trauma support;
  • suicide prevention and support following suicide; and
  • victim support.

c) There has been no specific information to indicate budget cuts have had an impact on support services. Two agencies, Ipswich Regional Advocacy Service (Housing) and KYC –Pine Rivers (Family Support) recently advised SupportLink they are no longer able to accept referrals from QPS.

d) The availability of support services varies across the State and this can impact on the QPS's capacity to make referrals for vulnerable persons.

Ongoing education and training among QPS members has increased the Service's capacity to make referrals for vulnerable people. Police and SupportLink representatives conduct quarterly meetings in regions to promote the benefits of the system and resolve identified issues.

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QUESTION:

With reference to page 11 of the DCS SDS which notes escape rates. Will the Minister outline:

a) what role do dog patrols play in preventing escapes and general prison operations?

b) List the number of dog patrols (listed separately by location) operating in 2011-12 and 2012-13?

ANSWER:

a) Queensland has one of the largest dog squads of any Australian State.

Each high security correctional centre in Queensland has a dog squad, comprised of General Purpose (GP) dogs and Passive Alert Drug Detection (PADD) dogs. Dog squads are available for call out 24 hours a day as and when required.

Unlike high security facilities, dog squads do not form part of the security infrastructure at low security farms and work camps. Low security farms and work camps do not have perimeter fencing in place and as such prisoners are assessed for suitability prior to placement. At times, there may be instances where dog squads are used for specific operations in low security.

GP dogs perform a variety of tasks including random perimeter patrols, internal foot patrols, external escorts and as part of a graduated response to internal incidents. PADD dogs are involved in drug detection services on vehicles and visitors, prisoner searches and searches of internal accommodation areas.

With the extensive surveillance technology and security infrastructure of modern prisons, the way Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) use the dog squads has changed significantly in recent years. Dog squads remain but one element of a highly effective integrated security system which keeps Queensland's prisons safe.

In 2012-13, QCS are reducing and equitably distributing dog squad resources across the State to target the deployment of dog squads on specialist tasks tactically driven by intelligence and risk.

b) Due to security reasons and the randomised nature of dog squad patrols, data on the individual patrols, by year or location, at Queensland correctional centres cannot be provided.

A table showing the pre and post budget dog squad capability across the State, is provided below.

Centre	Pre Budget FTE (2011-12)		Post Budget FTE (2012-13)*	
	Supervisor Dog Squad	CCO Dog Handler	Supervisor Dog Squad	CCO Dog Handler
Brisbane	1	8	1	6
Capricornia	1	8	1	6
Lotus Glen	1	6	1	6
Maryborough	1	5	1	5
Townsville	1	7	1	6
Wolston	1	7	1	6
Woodford	1	8	1	6
Total:	7	49	7	41
	56		48	

*Note: Subject to change. Current projected redistribution for 2012-13.

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QUESTION:

On page 5 of the DCS SDS, listed under achievements for 2011-12 was the recruitment of an additional 52 ambulance officers. The Minister has indicated that this year there will be 60 additional ambulance officers to meet increasing demand for ambulance services, 8 more than last year. After taking into account retirement and natural transition of staff, what will be the net gain in QAS staff numbers as a result of the recruitment?

ANSWER:

This Government is committed to ensuring the safety of Queensland residents through the provision of a high quality ambulance service.

This commitment has been demonstrated by providing an ambulance budget of $580.9 million in 2012-13, an increase of $5.142 million from last financial year. As noted in the Service Delivery Statements (SDS), $1.58 million is provided to recruit an additional 60 ambulance officers, reflecting the Government's priority of addressing demand for emergency services by focusing resources on front-line service delivery.

The net gain in QAS frontline staff numbers will be 60, as these are in addition to staff recruited to cover vacancies and attrition, such as those officers who retire.

QUESTION:

With reference to the DCS SDS page 5, the Department of Community Safety purchased a total of 33 new or replacement fire fighting appliances comprising of 13 urban and 20 rural (QFRS). The DCS SDS on page 21 indicates that in 2012-13 there will be 21 new urban and 24 rural appliances. Can the Minister please list the areas to which these appliances will be allocated and which of these appliances are replacement vehicles?

ANSWER:

Urban Appliances

This financial year, the Government has provided $11.4 million for 21 new urban fire appliances. All 21 of the new appliances are replacement vehicles. The table below indicates assigned locations, type and numbers. Final allocations are dependent on a final review of regional priorities and reallocation of appliances within each region at the time of delivery.

Type 2 Urban Pumper Tankers are an Isuzu based appliance - (Total of 12 Appliances)

Region	Area	Station
Brisbane Region	Cleveland	POINT LOOKOUT
Central Region	Emerald	CLERMONT
Central Region	Mackay (Country)	GLENDEN
North Coast Region	Gayndah	GAYNDAH
North Coast Region	Bundaberg	BURNETT HEADS
North Coast Region	Kingaroy	MURGON
North Coast Region	Kingaroy	CHERBOURG
South East Region	Ipswich	BOONAH
South East Region	Gatton	TOOGOOLAWAH
South West Region	Dalby	CHINCHILLA
South West Region	Warwick	WARWICK
South West Region	Roma	ROMA

Type 3 Urban Pumpers are based on either a Mercedes or Scania cab-chassis – (Total of 6 Appliances)

Region	Area	Station
Brisbane Region	Roma Street	ROMA STREET
Brisbane Region	Kemp Place	KEMP PLACE
Brisbane Region	Kemp Place	ANNERLEY
South East Region	Ipswich	IPSWICH
South East Region	Ipswich	CAMIRA
Northern Region	Northern Command	KIRWAN

Operational Support Unit – (Total of 1 Appliance)

Region	Area	Station
Northern Region	Mount Isa	MOUNT ISA

Medium Rescue Appliance – (Total of 2 Appliances)

Region	Area	Station
South East Region	Beenleigh	BEENLEIGH
Northern Region	Townsville	TOWNSVILLE

Rural Appliances

This financial year, the Government will provide $4.6 million for the Rural Fire Service appliance build program, which includes the completion of four specialised water tankers. These tankers are additions to the fleet, carried over from the 2011-12 appliance build program.

Due for completion by the end of October 2012, the tankers will be allocated to North Coast Region, Northern Region, Central Region and South West Region. Where the tankers are located within each region will depend on the bushfire risk or current operations.

The following 20 Rural Fire Brigades are proposed to have existing appliances replaced during 2012-13. Final allocations are dependent on a final review of reallocation of appliances within each region and considering both operational need and the availability of funds from each brigade.

QFRS funds a minimum of 80% of the cost of appliances. Brigades contribute up to 20%, capped at $20,000. The brigades listed here have put forward applications which are approved based on need (e.g. age and condition of current vehicle), however the funding available (sourced from council levies, donations, fundraising) is not yet assessed for all brigades.

Region	Area
Northern Region	Cungulla
Northern Region	Mount Fox
Central Region	Bondolla
Central Region	Eaton
Central Region	Marian
Central Region	Cawarral
Central Region	Captain Creek
Central Region	Midge Point
South West Region	Amby
South West Region	Gladfield Maryvale
South West Region	Cabarlah

South West Region	Wilkie Creek
North Coast Region	Glastonbury
North Coast Region	Kunioon Hodgeleigh
North Coast Region	Sandy Ridges
North Coast Region	Degilbo
North Coast Region	Avonvale
North Coast Region	Woodgate
Brisbane Region	Mount Mee
Brisbane Region	Clear Mountain

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QUESTION:

I refer the Minister to the QPS SDS page 25 in relation to delays experienced by police having material subject of police investigations examined at the John Tonge Centre. In light of the job cuts at this centre announced by the Minister for Health, will the Minister outline:

a) has the Minister for Police been involved in this decision, or simply has he been informed by the Minister for Health; and

b) what involvement has the Minister for Police had in lobbying for additional resources at this centre so police investigations will not be delayed as a direct result of resourcing issues at the John Tonge Centre?

ANSWER:

a) Government consultation has occurred in relation to this matter.

b) The Acting Director of QHFSS has confirmed that changes within the laboratories at QHFSS will not affect the provision of essential services to support police investigations.