

Question on Notice
No. 1522
Asked on 28 November 2023

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to another fatality from a vehicle rollover at Teewah Beach last weekend— Will the Minister advise what actions the government will be taking to improve safety along this stretch classified as a road, through education, prevention, monitoring and compliance actions, given the ongoing reports of irresponsible and dangerous driving endangering residents, tourists and the environment in this mobile blackspot area?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the Sunshine Coast Police District continues to focus upon road safety education and enforcement for high-risk areas including Teewah Beach.

I am further advised by the QPS that the Sunshine Coast Police District Highway Patrol Unit currently has carriage of Operation Sandstorm which targets proactive and enforcement policing activities such as speed detection, seat belt non-compliance, random breath testing, random drug testing, unlicensed and disqualified driving, defect vehicles, hooning offences with vehicle impounds and provides assistance to National Parks Wildlife Rangers. Police officers and support units attached to the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay Burnett Police Districts also support this operation when necessary.

Operation Sandstorm deployments are undertaken on the Noosa North Shore in conjunction with Wide Bay Burnett Police District, Queensland National Parks and Noosa Shire Council to ensure greater coverage of the Cooloola Recreation Area. These operations include the use of emerging technology such as drones to assist in the detection of offenders.

The Sunshine Coast District police also work in partnership with the Motor Accident Insurance Commission and University of the Sunshine Coast Road Safety Research Collaboration on the Beach Driver Offender Program to better understand driver attitudes and behaviour which in turn will inform operational planning and preventative strategies.

The QPS continuously review demand for resourcing to the Cooloola Coast in accordance with an intelligence-led policing approach where resources committed match demand.