

**Question on Notice
No. 290
Asked on Tuesday, 7 March 2006**

MR MESSENGER asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

Within the Gold Coast Police District of the South Eastern Region will she list the actual and approved strength of police officers and staff members for the police stations and facilities (reported separately) within the Gold Coast Police District for each of the last three financial years?

ANSWER:

At 30 June 2003, 30 June 2004, 30 June 2005 and 1 March 2006 the approved and actual strength of police officers and actual staff members for police divisions and district functions within the Gold Coast Police District is provided at Attachment A.

At any particular point in time the actual police strength can be above or below the approved police strength for a number of reasons, e.g. time lag in filling vacancies that result from either natural attrition or promotions and transfers and the allocation and reallocation of first year and second year constables.

Actual staff members include administrative officers, communications room operators, general and temporary employees.

Police numbers on the Gold Coast under this Government have gone from an approved strength of 503 to an approved strength of 689.

This increase of almost 200 in the police approved strength demonstrates our commitment to issues of law and order on the Gold Coast.

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Attachment A

| GOLD COAST DISTRICT | Approved | Actual | Actual | | Approved | Actual | Actual | | Approved | Actual | Actual | | Approved | Actual | Actual |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|----------|----------|----------|
| | Police | Police | Staff | | Police | Police | Staff | | Police | Police | Staff | | Police | Police | Staff |
| | Strength | Strength | Members | | Strength | Strength | Members | | Strength | Strength | Members | | Strength | Strength | Members |
| | 30-Jun-03 | 30-Jun-03 | 30-Jun-03 | | 30-Jun-04 | 30-Jun-04 | 30-Jun-04 | | 30-Jun-05 | 30-Jun-05 | 30-Jun-05 | | 1-Mar-06 | 1-Mar-06 | 1-Mar-06 |
| GOLD COAST DISTRICT TOTAL | 595 | 637 | 91 | | 648 | 679 | 89 | | 662 | 699 | 95 | | 689 | 675 | 101 |