

**Question on Notice  
No. 538  
Asked on 19 April 2006**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Sunshine Coast Police district of the North Coast Police 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 Sunshine Coast District for each of the last three financial years (reported separately)).

ANSWER:

SUNSHINE COAST POLICE DISTRICT				
	1/07/1998	1/07/2004	1/07/2005	1/04/2006
APPROVED STRENGTH	263	383	392	419
ACTUAL STRENGTH	294	400	412	426

The Approved Strength of the Sunshine Coast Police District has increased from just 263 Police Officers when the Beattie Government was first elected to 419 police today.

This increase of over 37% is due to the record number of police that this Government has trained, taking police numbers in Queensland from just 6,800 under the National/Liberal Party in 1998, to an increase by the Beattie Government of over 2,300 police to a total of 9,166 Police Officers in Queensland today.