Question on Notice No. 956 Asked on Tuesday, 6 June 2006

MRS E CUNNINGHAM asked the Minister for Police and Corrective Services (MS SPENCE) -

QUESTION:

With reference to police stations across Queensland -

How many stations serving a population of around 10,000 people have 24 hour 7 days a week staffing levels?

ANSWER:

There are 4 police divisions with a population of around 10,000 people that provide a 24 hour 7 days a week.

The allocation of available police resources throughout the State is not determined solely upon the populations of individual districts and divisions. Factors such as crime rates and calls for service are also considered. The allocation of resources on population alone would fail to take account of service delivery requirements.

For example, Palm Island has over 18 Police Officers and PLO's servicing a community of 3000. This is due to operational considerations and not based on population.

Further, some police stations operate 24 hour patrols on weekends as there may be increased calls for service.