

**Question on Notice
No. 576
Asked on 24 March 2010**

MR JOHNSON asked the Minister for Police, Corrective Services and Emergency Services (MR ROBERTS)—

QUESTION:

For the last four years, listed by each police district stated in the answer to Question on Notice No. 1396 of 2009-

- (1) How many operational police officers are allocated to each police district?
- (2) How many officers, per month in each district, are reported on leave (listed by leave type)?
- (3) How many resignations are received by police district?

ANSWER:

The Bligh Government is strongly committed to increasing the number of police officers in Queensland communities, and continues to provide significant funding to support the functions of the Queensland Police Service well into the future. In 2009-10, this Government has committed a record \$1.706 billion to the Police Service to enable it to continue policing communities across the state in the most efficient and effective way.

When the Opposition was last in power, there were just 6,800 police officers in Queensland. Successive Labor Governments have remained committed to law and order, resulting in an increase of more than 3,600 officers - a 53 per cent increase - since 1998. As at 1 February 2010, there were 10,434 officers in the Queensland Police Service. It should be noted that officers' leave entitlements, including sick leave, annual leave, long service leave etc, have been considered in determining the approved strength of each division, district and region.

The Bligh Government has committed to increasing police numbers further with 600 new police to be inducted by the end of this term. This will result in more than 10,600 police officers serving the people of Queensland by March 2012.

The majority of police officers in regions and districts are involved in providing direct operational policing services to Queensland communities in capacities such as the prevention of crime, the detection and prosecution of offenders or the preservation of public order and safety and, in doing so, are generally interactive with or visible to the public. These officers perform roles such as general duties, traffic, criminal investigation and child protection investigation detectives, prosecutions, dog squads, tactical crime squads, water police, watchhouses, communications, crime prevention, youth clubs and other functions.

There are a small number of police officers in regions and districts who are categorised as performing vital non-operational administrative and training roles. These roles relate, for example, to positions such as staff officers, project officers and training officers.

The numbers of operational police in each police district for the last four years is contained in Attachment A.

It should be noted that the establishment of the Caboolture Police District in 2007 resulted in a boundary change for the Redcliffe District. As a result of this boundary change, and an increase in the number of officers attached to the new Caboolture District, the number of police officers assigned to Redcliffe District decreased in line with the policing requirements of the new District area. Redcliffe, Caboolture and surrounding areas continue to be serviced by an adequate number of police, as determined by the Queensland Police Service staffing model. In fact, the number of police permanently appointed to the Redcliffe and Caboolture areas has increased dramatically – from 308 officers in 2006-07 to 375 officers in 2008-09.

The numbers of police who resigned in each police district for the last four years is detailed in Attachment B.

The Police Service continuously reviews its service delivery and staffing models to ensure that any vacancy, including those resulting from the resignation of an officer, are filled to maintain an effective and efficient policing service across the state.

The Queensland Police Service advises the Service's Human Information System is a live payroll system and records current data. It is not possible to reconstruct transactions of these types from past years. However, details of police officers on sick leave, annual leave and leave without pay as at 25 February 2010 (by police region) was provided in response to your Question on Notice No. 240.

ATTACHMENT A**Number of Operational Police Officers by Police District: 2005/06-2008/09**

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
CAIRNS	429	455	451	454
INNISFAIL	69	78	74	72
MAREEBA	111	109	109	112
MT ISA	158	159	153	163
TOWNSVILLE	482	518	489	510
GLADSTONE	133	150	155	155
LONGREACH	44	42	46	46
MACKAY	245	259	249	277
ROCKHAMPTON	273	277	291	294
BUNDABERG	138	134	147	157
CABOOLTURE	n/a	n/a	139	176
GYMPIE	144	146	154	153
MARYBOROUGH	159	165	176	179
REDCLIFFE	309	308	188	199
SUNSHINE COAST	429	449	437	480
CHARLEVILLE	50	51	55	56
DALBY	51	56	59	61
IPSWICH	315	334	343	385
ROMA	70	67	64	64
TOOWOOMBA	254	263	271	284
WARWICK	87	91	93	90
BRISBANE CENTRAL	376	382	398	413
NORTH BRISBANE	305	323	335	329
BRISBANE WEST	200	216	224	225
PINE RIVERS	129	133	136	184
OXLEY	281	304	314	341
SOUTH BRISBANE	417	434	432	466
WYNNUM	230	234	242	264
LOGAN	478	495	521	563
GOLD COAST	680	701	759	827

ATTACHMENT B**Number of Police Officer Resignations by Police District: 2005/06-2008/09**

	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
CAIRNS	10	16	23	18
INNISFAIL	2	4	4	2
MAREEBA	0	5	6	3
MT ISA	4	1	4	2
TOWNSVILLE	10	17	22	16
GLADSTONE	3	5	6	5
LONGREACH	0	0	0	1
MACKAY	8	11	14	15
ROCKHAMPTON	5	7	16	8
BUNDABERG	1	3	2	0
CABOOLTURE	n/a	n/a	2	6
GYMPIE	2	6	5	3
MARYBOROUGH	4	3	5	6
REDCLIFFE	7	10	7	6
SUNSHINE COAST	12	6	23	11
CHARLEVILLE	1	2	6	0
DALBY	1	1	3	4
IPSWICH	3	1	12	9
ROMA	1	3	2	1
TOOWOOMBA	6	7	7	14
WARWICK	2	1	2	1
BRISBANE CENTRAL	8	1	14	7
NORTH BRISBANE	6	2	8	10
BRISBANE WEST	5	3	5	3
PINE RIVERS	2	5	7	0
OXLEY	1	7	6	4
SOUTH BRISBANE	5	11	12	6
WYNNUM	3	1	11	7
LOGAN	8	6	17	10
GOLD COAST	21	24	19	13