

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1027**  
**Asked on 16 June 2011**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister guarantee that the newly appointed Taskforce Resolve officers will be replaced in the areas from where they were drawn and staffing levels in areas such as the Redlands District will not be compromised in any way?

ANSWER:

The Government and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) share the community's concern about the current spate of armed robberies in the South East Police Region. Police have established a number of individual Operations to undertake intelligence-driven patrols and investigations to deter and apprehend the criminals involved.

Over the past ten years armed robberies have in fact decreased across the South Eastern Region. The recent spate of robberies is also in contrast to crime trends across Queensland, with the rate of armed robberies in Queensland decreasing by 51% in the past 10 years from 2000-01 to 2009-10. And not only have there been less robberies, police have been solving more with the state-wide clearance rate for armed robberies up 7.8% between 2008-09 and 2009-10.

Thanks to the increased funding by Labor, there are 14 new detectives (10 in Gold Coast and 4 at Coomera) that have been allocated to the South East Region as part of an additional 45 police officers for the Region.

On 3 June 2011, the Police Commissioner announced the creation of a new Serious and Violent Crime Squad under the banner 'Taskforce Resolve'. This Taskforce will assist the South Eastern Region through the provision of specialist support to investigate and prevent serious and violent crime, including armed robbery.

Taskforce Resolve commenced on 6 June 2011. The Taskforce has a complement of 15 staff from State Crime Operations Command, Armed Robbery Squad, and three staff from the South Eastern Region.

While originally Taskforce Resolve will consist of specialist detectives sourced from these areas, it will become permanent as increases in staffing allow people to be permanently assigned to the new taskforce.

Any consequential vacancies arising from formal appointments to the new taskforce will be filled in line with Queensland Police Service recruitment and selection policy and practice.

As you may be aware, there have been no staff seconded to Taskforce Resolve from the Wynnum District.