

**Question on Notice  
No 943  
Asked on 14 June 2011**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the Pacific Pines Police Beat—

- (1) Will the Minister admit that the beat must be manned 24 hours a day, with a dedicated patrolling police car, to tackle the increasing level of crime in the area?
- (2) Will the Minister undertake to ensure the allocation of extra officers required to man the beat for 24 hours and an additional police car, as a matter of urgency?

**ANSWER:**

The work of Police Beat officers mainly involves being out and about, mixing with members of the local community, hearing and responding to their concerns, and generally providing an enhanced visible policing presence within the local area.

Neighbourhood Police Beats do not operate on a 24-hour basis. Their role involves enhancing the policing services provided by their “parent” police station, in this case the 24-hour Nerang Police Station.

The Bligh Government is strongly committed to the concept of police beats as it promotes cooperation between local police, businesses and the community in seeking to prevent crime.

The Neighbourhood Police Beat within the suburb of Pacific Pines is a two-officer establishment. It is part of the Nerang Police Division. The Beat operates a two-shift roster based on the analysis of calls for service and crime intelligence. A marked police vehicle is permanently allocated to the Beat.

Calls for service made to the Beat office outside rostered hours are automatically diverted to the Gold Coast and Coomera Police Communications Centre (PCC). The PCC provides a 24-hour service in tasking police resources to respond to calls for service throughout the Gold Coast and Coomera Police Districts. All calls received by the PCC are prioritised to ensure urgent matters are attended to appropriately.

When the Beat officers are not on duty, routine calls for service in the Pacific Pines area are attended to by officers from Nerang Station, which provides a 24-hour shift coverage. Policing services in the area are also provided by officers attached to district-based units such as the Coomera District Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit and Traffic Branch.

Since 1 March 2011, an additional six officers have been allocated to the Coomera District to work in the areas of criminal investigation and crime intelligence.