

Question on Notice
No. 853
Asked on 29 November 2012

MR RICKUSS asked the Minister for Police and Community Safety (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the LNP Government's progressive approach to adding extra police to the Queensland community—

Will the Minister advise how many extra officers will be placed at Gatton and Laidley police stations and the total number of police that will be at each station separately in 2013?

ANSWER:

The Newman Government has given a four year commitment to increase police numbers by 1,100 officers (over and above attrition), with a surge of 300 police in the initial financial year. In addition we have committed to return up to 200 police from behind office desks back to frontline duty.

The Commissioner has advised that planning for the allocation of the 300 police growth positions for the 2012-13 financial year is well progressed, but that the specific locations for the additional positions are yet to be determined. All of the 300 positions will be allocated during the 2012-13 financial year.

On 1 April 2012, shortly after the Newman Government took office, the headcount of police officers in the Toowoomba District was 274, including 17 at Gatton Division and 12 at Laidley Division. On 1 December 2012 the headcount strength was 295 police officers, including 17 at Gatton Division and 13 at Laidley Division.