

**Question on Notice  
No. 452  
Asked on 6 June 2013**

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

**QUESTION:**

With reference to the restructuring of the Queensland Police Service announced by the Commissioner in January 2013—

Will the Minister provide a full list of all (a) commissioned officer positions (listed by rank, position title, district and station/beat) that were made redundant as part of the restructuring process and (b) commissioned officers (listed by rank, position title, age at separation and district, but excluding name) who were offered and accepted redundancies as part of the restructuring process, and the total redundancy package for each officer?

**ANSWER:**

The Commissioner's restructure of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has been supported by the Government because it will ensure that the service has more officers on the front line rather than behind desks.

Under Labor, police were tied up with red tape with more and more officers placed behind desks. The Newman Government is supporting the Commissioner to change this.

The restructure of the QPS resulted in all Commissioned Officer positions under the previous structure being abolished and those Commissioned Officer positions required under the new structure being created as new positions.

All Commissioned Officer positions were deemed vacant and officers were requested to advise of their preferences for the new Commissioned Officer positions established under the new structure. All Commissioned Officers have now been advised of the positions they will be appointed to under the new structure.

Eighty-six Commissioned Officers from the QPS put their hands up to take voluntary redundancies as part of the restructure, and all eighty-six were approved.

It is important to note that for each officer that takes a payout they will be replaced one-for-one by an officer of lower rank. All of these positions will be filled with officers of constable rank or above with the majority of positions being transformed from desk duties back into on road positions.

There will be no reduction of police numbers as this restructure will in fact see more officers back onto the beat rather than stuck behind desks.

This Government has commenced one of the largest police recruitment drives this State has seen. 1,100 additional officers will be recruited over four years, increasing overall police numbers by more than 10%. In addition to these 1,100 additional officers, 200 non-operational positions will be redirected back to frontline policing.