

**Question on Notice
No. 569
Asked on 20 August**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister list the (a) net increase or decrease in police officers for each police station in the Townsville District from 30 June 2012 to 30 June 2013 and (b) number of police officers on secondment, on long-term sick leave or otherwise absent from duty at each Townsville police station?

ANSWER:

(a) The below table shows the approved and actual police strengths for Police Divisions within Townsville District as at 1 July 2012 and 1 July 2013:

TOWNSVILLE DISTRICT	1 July 2012		1 July 2013	
	Approved Police Strength	Actual Police Strength	Approved Police Strength	Actual Police Strength
TOWNSVILLE DIVISION	115	111	115	108

Police Division numbers may include Beats, Shopfronts and Division Watchhouse staffing.

The variance in the actual number of officers attached to Police Divisions can fluctuate above or below the approved police strength; however, the Service endeavours at all times to maintain the actual police strength in line with the approved police strength.

(b) The below table shows the number of officers on secondment, long-term sick leave or otherwise absent from duty at each Townsville police station as at 29 August 2013:

TOWNSVILLE POLICE DISTRICT ESTABLISHMENTS	SECONDMENT	LONG-TERM SICK LEAVE	OTHER LEAVE
AYR STATION		2	
BOWEN STATION			
CHARTERS TOWERS STATION		1	
CLARE STATION			
COLLINSVILLE STATION			
DEERAGUN STATION			
GIRU STATION			
GREENVALE STATION			
HALIFAX STATION			
HOME HILL STATION			
HUGHENDEN STATION		1	
INGHAM STATION			
KIRWAN STATION		3	
MAGNETIC ISLAND STATION			

MUNDINGBURRA STATION		1	
PALM ISLAND STATION			
PENTLAND STATION			
PRAIRIE STATION			
RAVENSWOOD STATION			
RICHMOND STATION			
ROLLINGSTONE STATION			
STUART STATION	1		
TOWNSVILLE STATION	4		
TOWNSVILLE TACTICAL CRIME SQUAD	1		
TOWNSVILLE WATCHHOUSE	2		
ROAD POLICING COMMAND		2	
TOWNSVILLE		2	
TOWNSVILLE POLICE COMMUNICATIONS		1	
CHILD PROTECTION & INVESTIGATION UNIT	1	1	

As at 29 August 2013, there were 20 officers in the Townsville District being managed by the Absentee Management Committee. The officers and staff members concerned are in various stages of treatment and undertaking suitable duties plans to assist them in progressing to a return to normal duties. Each officer is case-managed within existing arrangements to ensure their rehabilitation needs are met and monitored with the goal of bringing about their earliest return to full operational duties or separation from the Queensland Police Service on medical grounds.

The secondment of an officer from the Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Townsville is part of an ongoing operational arrangement where specialist skills and training in child abuse related issues are provided at Task Force Argos, State Crime Command, Brisbane.