

**Question on Notice
No. 570
Asked on 6 August 2014**

MR BYRNE asked the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services (MR DEMPSEY)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA)—

Will the Minister (a) guarantee that no sworn or unsworn staff that have been transferred to the PSBA will be offered redundancy due to outsourcing or contestability processes, (b) guarantee that sworn police and firefighters will be given opportunities to transfer back to the Queensland Police Service or Queensland Fire and Emergency Service and be offered secondments and training to keep up to date with operational skills to compete for promotion or transfer, (c) list the Costello Commission of Audit recommendations the PSBA is implementing, is currently considering for implementation and those the government has already rejected and (d) list the number of sworn staff who have been transferred to the PSBA, by organisation and rank?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has a strong plan for revitalising our frontline services by focussing agencies on frontline service delivery.

Following recommendations of the Police and Community Safety Review, the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) was established to provide corporate and support services to frontline personnel.

- (a) Sworn staff who have been seconded to the PSBA remain employees of the Queensland Police Service (QPS) or the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) and will not be made redundant as a result of any outsourcing or contestability process that might be undertaken by PSBA.

The PSBA works in accordance with the provisions of the Public Service Commission's Directives 6/14 and 11/12 which details the process in which, for whatever reason, a role undertaken by an unworn staff member may no longer be required. These Directives can be viewed on the Public Service Commission's website.

- (b) All police, fire and emergency services officers on secondment are offered training opportunities and will still be required to undertake mandatory operational training. All opportunities in the QPS and QFES will continue to be available to seconded officers.
- (c) The Public Safety Portfolio has responsibility for implementing six Commission of Audit recommendations. The PSBA is also involved in the implementation of a further six whole-of-Government recommendations. As the member would be aware these can be viewed online in the "Queensland Government's response to the Commission of Audit's final report".
- (d) A number of sworn officers have been seconded; however none have been permanently transferred to the PSBA.