

**Question on Notice  
No. 6  
Asked on 11 February 2014**

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

With reference to policing in the Northern Region, will the Minister advise (a) the numbers of police employed in each of the three districts (Far North, Townsville and Mount Isa) on 1 January 2014, broken down by district, FTEs and headcount and (b) the number of offences reported against property for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 (each district listed separately, figures broken down by property category)?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Newman Government is committed to reducing crime and making Queensland a safe place to live, visit and do business. That is why the Government is committed to revitalising frontline policing by providing an additional 1,100 new police officers over four years. To date, the Government has delivered over 600 additional officers who have been allocated throughout the State to areas of critical need. This increase in frontline police will enable the Queensland Police Service to commit more officers to proactive policing tasks.

As at 1 January 2014, the Northern Region had an approved strength on 1265 with an actual headcount of 1305, 40 more than the approved strength.

The below table shows the numbers of police officers employed in Northern Region on 1 January 2014, broken down by district, FTEs and headcount.

	Actual Strength (Headcount)	Actual Strength Full Time Equivalent (FTE)
Far North District	658	651.01
Townsville District	485	479.48
Mount Isa District	157	156.00
Northern Region Total (including Regional Office)	1305	1291.49

It should be noted that reporting of police strength as from 1 July 2013 is based on the 'owning' structure in QPS. Police officers in work units defined as a 'central function' are recorded against the command or division and not the 'hosting' region.

- (b) A full breakdown of all property offences for 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13 for the police districts within the Northern Region can be found in Attachment 1 for Far North District, Attachment 2 for Townsville District and Attachment 3 for Mount Isa District.

# Attachment 1

Number, Rate<sup>(1)</sup> and Percentage Cleared<sup>(2)</sup> Reported Offences, Far North Police District, 01/07/2010 to 30/06/2013<sup>(2)</sup>

Offence	Number			Rate <sup>(1)</sup>			Percentage Cleared		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Unlawful Entry</b>	<b>3044</b>	<b>3699</b>	<b>3568</b>	<b>1151</b>	<b>1379</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>30%</b>
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Dwelling	1743	2150	2218	659	801	815	29%	29%	28%
Unlawful Entry Without Violence - Dwelling	1692	2086	2175	640	778	799	28%	28%	27%
Unlawful Entry With Violence - Dwelling	51	64	43	19	24	16	75%	80%	81%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Shop	278	299	229	105	111	84	44%	41%	44%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Other	1023	1250	1121	387	466	412	33%	33%	31%
<b>Arson</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>48%</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Other Property Damage</b>	<b>3250</b>	<b>3591</b>	<b>3577</b>	<b>1229</b>	<b>1339</b>	<b>1314</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>43%</b>
<b>Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>834</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>49%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)</b>	<b>6471</b>	<b>7316</b>	<b>6703</b>	<b>2447</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>2463</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>31%</b>
Stealing from Dwellings	811	908	786	307	338	289	21%	24%	20%
Shop Stealing	900	1167	921	340	435	338	73%	70%	67%
Vehicles (steal from/enter with intent)	1727	2029	1776	653	756	653	22%	23%	20%
Other Stealing	3033	3212	3220	1147	1197	1183	23%	26%	29%
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>716</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>44%</b>
Fraud by Computer	62	39	53	23	15	19	82%	62%	43%
Fraud by Cheque	22	9	20	8	3	7	64%	67%	40%
Fraud by Credit Card	105	111	174	40	41	64	58%	72%	55%
Identity Fraud	25	16	10	9	6	4	76%	69%	40%
Other Fraud	345	359	459	130	134	169	69%	71%	40%
<b>Handling Stolen Goods</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>88%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>88%</b>
Possess Property Suspected Stolen	152	192	186	57	72	68	93%	86%	90%
Receiving Stolen Property	69	58	43	26	22	16	87%	93%	93%
Possess etc. Tainted Property	158	184	166	60	69	61	84%	94%	84%
Other Handling Stolen Goods	2	2	2	1	1	1	50%	100%	50%
<b>Offences Against Property</b>	<b>14450</b>	<b>16438</b>	<b>15856</b>	<b>5465</b>	<b>6127</b>	<b>5827</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>36%</b>

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## Attachment 2

Number, Rate<sup>(1)</sup> and Percentage Cleared<sup>(2)</sup> Reported Offences, Townsville Police District, 01/07/2010 to 30/06/2013<sup>(2)</sup>

Offence	Number			Rate <sup>(1)</sup>			Percentage Cleared		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Unlawful Entry</b>	<b>2852</b>	<b>3372</b>	<b>3296</b>	<b>1254</b>	<b>1454</b>	<b>1394</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Dwelling	1797	2266	2147	790	977	908	18%	19%	18%
Unlawful Entry Without Violence - Dwelling	1752	2231	2103	771	962	890	16%	18%	17%
Unlawful Entry With Violence - Dwelling	45	35	44	20	15	19	67%	77%	61%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Shop	234	251	243	103	108	103	30%	22%	30%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Other	821	855	906	361	369	383	19%	21%	24%
<b>Arson</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Other Property Damage</b>	<b>2442</b>	<b>2952</b>	<b>2698</b>	<b>1074</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1141</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>31%</b>
<b>Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>414</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>39%</b>
<b>Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)</b>	<b>5600</b>	<b>6799</b>	<b>6104</b>	<b>2463</b>	<b>2932</b>	<b>2582</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>28%</b>
Stealing from Dwellings	651	706	653	286	304	276	19%	18%	24%
Shop Stealing	799	703	869	351	303	368	72%	66%	57%
Vehicles (steal from/enter with intent)	1968	2732	1773	866	1178	750	12%	16%	12%
Other Stealing	2182	2658	2809	960	1146	1188	20%	25%	30%
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>59%</b>
Fraud by Computer	18	16	32	8	7	14	44%	38%	28%
Fraud by Cheque	14	17	7	6	7	3	64%	35%	43%
Fraud by Credit Card	193	195	217	85	84	92	47%	27%	65%
Identity Fraud	13	14	13	6	6	5	38%	21%	46%
Other Fraud	433	394	432	190	170	183	79%	56%	59%
<b>Handling Stolen Goods</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>82%</b>
Possess Property Suspected Stolen	89	92	81	39	40	34	78%	82%	85%
Receiving Stolen Property	26	23	15	11	10	6	100%	96%	100%
Possess etc. Tainted Property	135	129	133	59	56	56	88%	83%	77%
Other Handling Stolen Goods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%	0%	0%
<b>Offences Against Property</b>	<b>12460</b>	<b>15103</b>	<b>14097</b>	<b>5480</b>	<b>6513</b>	<b>5963</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>30%</b>

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## Attachment 3

Number, Rate<sup>(1)</sup> and Percentage Cleared<sup>(2)</sup> Reported Offences, Mount Isa Police District, 01/07/2010 to 30/06/2013<sup>(2)</sup>

Offence	Number			Rate <sup>(1)</sup>			Percentage Cleared		
	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
<b>Unlawful Entry</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>440</b>	<b>2186</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>33%</b>
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Dwelling	378	382	219	1159	1150	647	30%	19%	28%
Unlawful Entry Without Violence - Dwelling	368	375	208	1128	1129	615	28%	18%	25%
Unlawful Entry With Violence - Dwelling	10	7	11	31	21	33	90%	86%	73%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Shop	79	58	35	242	175	103	53%	45%	40%
Unlawful Entry With Intent - Other	256	195	186	785	587	550	43%	43%	38%
<b>Arson</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>36%</b>
<b>Other Property Damage</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>684</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>2150</b>	<b>2059</b>	<b>1608</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Unlawful Use of Motor Vehicle</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>53%</b>
<b>Other Theft (excl. Unlawful Entry)</b>	<b>911</b>	<b>949</b>	<b>791</b>	<b>2794</b>	<b>2857</b>	<b>2338</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>26%</b>
Stealing from Dwellings	106	88	83	325	265	245	37%	22%	30%
Shop Stealing	126	99	79	386	298	233	80%	81%	70%
Vehicles (steal from/enter with intent)	336	431	344	1030	1297	1017	32%	16%	14%
Other Stealing	343	331	285	1052	996	842	26%	22%	27%
<b>Fraud</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>37%</b>
Fraud by Computer	2	7	6	6	21	18	50%	14%	33%
Fraud by Cheque	2	4	0	6	12	0	100%	75%	0%
Fraud by Credit Card	4	8	11	12	24	33	25%	25%	64%
Identity Fraud	2	3	1	6	9	3	100%	0%	0%
Other Fraud	41	38	161	126	114	476	63%	39%	35%
<b>Handling Stolen Goods</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>78%</b>
Possess Property Suspected Stolen	27	16	19	83	48	56	93%	63%	95%
Receiving Stolen Property	15	6	2	46	18	6	100%	100%	50%
Possess etc. Tainted Property	27	34	27	83	102	80	89%	85%	74%
Other Handling Stolen Goods	3	4	2	9	12	6	67%	75%	0%
<b>Offences Against Property</b>	<b>2563</b>	<b>2536</b>	<b>2109</b>	<b>7859</b>	<b>7633</b>	<b>6234</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>35%</b>

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