

**Question on Notice
No. 606
Asked on 26 August 2014**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline how the new Rapid Action Patrol Hub has benefited the Gold Coast district and in particular the Burleigh Electorate?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Government has a strong plan for safer communities and revitalised frontline services on the Gold Coast.

The Rapid Action and Patrols (RAP) group was officially launched on 25 June 2014.

The RAP has a strength of 100 officers who operate from a modern, state of the art policing facility located at Varsity Lakes.

The RAP is a flexible and highly mobile crime suppression group that is reducing crime and making the community safer through the application of agile, highly visible, proactive policing strategies focused on problem people, places and issues affecting the Gold Coast community.

Since the inception of the RAP (including Taskforce Takeback) more than 2,800 offenders have been charged with almost 4,200 charges for serious offences including, assault, break and enter, unlawful use of a motor vehicle, property crime, public order and serious drug and traffic related offences on the Gold Coast (as at 1 September 2014).

Other enforcement activities during this time include; more than 40,000 random breath tests, the issuing of in excess of 6,000 traffic infringement notices and responded to 2,300 priority calls for service.

The RAP has conducted a variety of proactive policing strategies throughout the Burleigh electorate including regular walk-throughs of licensed premises to reduce alcohol fuelled violence and to ensure that Burleigh and the southern Gold Coast is safe.

The RAP has contributed significantly to reducing reported crime in most crime classes during the 2013-2014 statistical year compared with the same reporting period for 2012-2013 for the Gold Coast Police District.

The LNP Government's commitment to revitalise frontline services and the delivery of additional officers and resources has seen reported crimes against the person decrease 14% and reported crimes against property decrease 15% in the Gold Coast District.

This Government will continue to deliver on our strong plan for a brighter future for Queensland.