

Question on Notice
No. 95
Asked on 4 March 2014

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the projected growth in population in Queensland in the coming years and the need for increased staffing to maintain services—

Will the Minister provide details of the projected number of police officers (FTE and head count) to be employed by the Queensland Police Service in the current financial year and for 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (with each region listed separately for each year)?

ANSWER:

In March 2012, this Government gave a four year commitment to deliver 1,100 additional police officers, including an initial surge of 300 in the first year, over and above attrition.

The Government is well on track to delivering this commitment.

As at 1 July 2012, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) held an actual strength (headcount) of 10,695 police officers, with a fulltime equivalent (FTE) of 10,502.6.

As at 1 March 2014, the QPS boasted an actual strength of 11,336 police officers and FTE strength of 11,155.3 – an increase of 641 officers, of the Government commitment for 1,100 additional officers.

The following table shows the current projected police officer headcount and FTE figures for financial years 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16:

	Projected Number of Police Officers (Headcount)	Projected Full Time Equivalent of Police Officers (FTE)	Progress Towards 1,100 Target (Headcount)
01/07/2014	11,548	11,362.5	853
01/07/2015	11,591	11,390.3	896
01/07/2016	11,853	11,635.9	1,158

At this stage growth is unable to be projected beyond the 2015-16 financial year, as work is currently being undertaken on demand modelling for future years.

Police staffing resources are allocated based on a number of factors including population, demographic factors, crime trends, service delivery requirements, community policing initiatives and the complexity of providing an equitable policing service across the State.

The Service continually monitors the allocation of police strengths throughout the State, as part of its annual planning and budgetary processes.

Regional growth allocations for future financial years have not yet been determined. It should be noted that officers are allocated to areas of critical need as determined by the Police Commissioner.