

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1543**  
**Asked on 1 September 2016**

**MR BENNETT** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON W BYRNE)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the QPS Wide Bay Burnett District—

Will the Minister advise for 2015-16 how many people were (a) charged with possession of an illegal drug or substance, (b) charged with distribution of an illegal drug or substance and (c) if available, will the Minister advise for both (a) or (b) where the substance was methamphetamine?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that:

- a) 155 people were charged with possession of an illegal drug within the Wide Bay Burnett District in 2015/2016.
- b) 71 people were charged for supplying a dangerous drug and 7 people were charged with trafficking a dangerous drug or substance in the Wide Bay Burnett District in 2015/2016, and
- c) For both (a) and (b), 318 people were charged for possession of methylamphetamine substances and 22 were charged for supply and trafficking methylamphetamine substances in the Wide Bay Burnett District.

The Palaszczuk Government's 2016-2017 State Budget has provided an additional \$39.1 million over four years for the QPS to specifically target serious organised crime.

On top of the \$39.1 million we are also delivering an additional \$5 million each year for four years for police to target organised crime, alcohol-fuelled violence and ice.