

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1638**  
**Asked on 14 September 2016**

**MR MANDER** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON BILL BYRNE MP)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the (a) location of the state's 10 drug detection police dog teams, (b) number of occasions over the 2015-16 financial year drug detection police dog teams were deployed to Fortitude Valley and (c) average cost of establishing a drug detection police dog team?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question. I am advised that:

(a) Currently there are 13 officers across Queensland responsible for 17 drug detection dogs, located as follows:

Location	Police Dog Squad Officer/Handler	Drug Detection Dogs
Cairns (Far Northern District)	2	3
Townsville (Townsville & Mt Isa Districts)	1	2 (1 of these dogs has the extra capability of cash detection)
Rockhampton (Central Region)	1	2
Brisbane (Brisbane, South Eastern and Southern Regions)	9	10 (3 of these dogs have extra capabilities of cash and firearm detection)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>

Drug Dog Detection Teams are available to respond to requests for assistance anywhere across the state—supporting the Queensland Police Service's strong focus on borderless policing.

(b) The drug detection dogs were deployed to Fortitude Valley on 12 occasions in 2015-16. Seventy percent of those operations were in a passive capacity.

(c) The average cost of establishing a drug detection dog team is approximately \$172,500.