

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1238**  
**Asked on 23 August 2017**

**MR D PEGG** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the rollout of police dog protective vests?

ANSWER:

I am informed that Sabre Tactical dog harnesses have been purchased for allocation to 72 Queensland Police Service (QPS) general purpose police dogs.

16 harnesses were delivered to QPS in July 2017 to enable individual police dogs to be sized correctly. The sizing process is currently underway. This is imperative to ensure working operability and comfort.

The manufacturer has sufficient harnesses in stock for immediate delivery, once sizing is complete. The rollout is scheduled to be completed by November 2017.

This initiative was borne from collaborative information sharing discussions held through a National Police Dog Handlers Conference that included New Zealand. Jurisdictions openly discussed injuries sustained by police dogs and presented the Sabre Tactical dog harness as a realistic preventative measure.

The vests provide a stab resistant and rated ballistic capability, with additional capacity to insert an ice pack to assist with temperature control and fatigue management of dogs. The design also assists handlers to carry dogs, when necessary, and to manoeuvre them through restrictive spaces.