

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 69**  
**Asked on 15 February 2017**

**MS A LEAHY** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the budget and staffing for the State-wide Firearms Investigation Team for 2016-17?

ANSWER:

I am informed that the Queensland Police Service has a dedicated firearms investigation unit attached to the Drug and Serious Crime Group, State Crime Command. This unit is called the Firearms and Cannabis Team (FACT).

FACT's primary focus is to investigate the illegal trafficking and supply of firearms throughout Queensland, and also target 'high-risk' people in possession of illegal firearms who would pose a significant risk to the community.

FACT operates in strong joint collaboration with other state police jurisdictions and national law enforcement/intelligence agencies to reduce the threat of gun-related violence within our communities. To assist in this effort, FACT calls upon the specialised skills of its partner agencies.

I am informed that FACT is comprised of nine specialist detectives, whose investigative operations extend throughout Queensland. They are supported in those investigations by regional Major and Organised Crime Squads, also under the control of State Crime Command.

I am advised that FACT does not have a dedicated budget—rather it operates under the wider budget of the Drug and Serious Crime Group.