Question on Notice No. 81 Asked on 15 February 2017

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many fire officers were employed across Queensland as at 1 February 2017 (reported by region)?

ANSWER:

The Member may be interested to know that the Palaszczuk Government has committed an additional \$2.9 million over two years for almost 50 additional frontline firefighters.

Further, I can advise that the Palaszczuk Government granted Auxiliary Firefighters an award to ensure they have proper pay and conditions, and passed presumptive legislation to ensure firefighters are covered by workers' compensation should they be diagnosed with work-related cancer.

The Palaszczuk Government has also provided funding to Queensland's rural Fire Brigades with an investment of \$3.8 million to support the fuel and maintenance requirements of vehicles.

I am advised by Queensland Fire and Emergency Services that the following table represents firefighting employees as at 1 February 2017.

Region	Fire Officers
Head Office	291
Brisbane	935
Central	648
Far Northern	393
North Coast	726
Northern	351
South Eastern	711
South Western	513
Total	4568