

Question on Notice
No. 1038
Asked on 4 September 2018

MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the one police officer stationed at Cambooya to service the areas of Cambooya, East Greenmount and Wyreema, and the increase in home invasions, theft and drug possession—

Will the Minister advise if consideration will be given by the department to provide a second permanent police officer to address the rise in drug related criminal offences, where the perpetrators are often violent, to ensure the safety of the single police officer stationed at Cambooya?

ANSWER:

The allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues and any new or emerging issues. The Police Commissioner makes this decision, free of any political interference, which is as it should be. This ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that Cambooya has sufficient police resources at this time and that the QPS will continue to monitor policing requirements to ensure community safety is maintained.

The officer stationed at Cambooya Police Division is supported by police from neighbouring stations including Pittsworth, Drayton, Allora, Clifton and has access to specialist police within District, Regional and Central Functions such as the Toowoomba Criminal Investigation Unit, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Dog Squad, and Road Policing Unit.

I am also advised by the QPS that, when comparing the rate of reported offences in the Cambooya Police Division for the periods 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018 and 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017, offences across all crime classes have significantly decreased.