

**Question on Notice
No. 1158
Asked on 6 September 2018**

MRS J STUCKEY ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) —

QUESTION:

With reference to Gold Coast Water Police—

Will the Minister advise for 2016-17 and 2017-18 (reported separately by year) the number of (a) patrols in the Currumbin estuary, (b) incidents in the Currumbin estuary (reported separately by type) and (c) water vessels permanently assigned to the unit (reported separately by type and age of vessel)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the Gold Coast Water Police conduct regular vessel and vehicle patrols of Currumbin Creek and the associated boat ramps with a focus on identifying marine related offences and to ensure safety equipment compliance.

QPS advises that in 2016, there were 21 recorded patrols in the Currumbin Estuary. In 2017, there were 23 recorded patrols.

QPS further advises that in 2016, there were 7 infringements recorded, 14 search and rescues, 2 cautions and 7 responses to complaints. In 2017, there were 4 recorded infringements, 14 search and rescues, 2 cautions and 7 responses to complaints.

QPS advises that as with all waterway areas on the Gold Coast, the Water Police share jurisdictional responsibility and work in conjunction with a number of other Government agencies including Marine Safety Queensland (MSQ), Gold Coast Waterways Authority (GCWA) and Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol (QBFP). In addition to this, the Water Police on the Gold Coast regularly meet with local groups including the Volunteer Marine Rescue to work with the community.

I am informed by QPS that Gold Coast Water Police vessels form part of the Queensland State Water Police Fleet Management Program and a state-wide approach to the central management and allocation of assets ensures the efficient use of these community assets.

Vessels can be relocated throughout the state to undertake specific tasks or to manage required maintenance scheduling, while ensuring local capabilities continue to be met.

Vessels currently allocated to the Gold Coast Water Police base include:

- 5.2 metre Rigid Hulled Inflatable Boat built in 2007
- QPV D.A. Shean an 11.3 metre Alloy catamaran built in 2004 and refit in 2011
- QPV AP Anderson a 7.6 metre rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) built in 2013
- 2 x Yamaha Personal watercraft built in 2018