

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1180**  
**Asked on 18 September 2018**

**MR HUNT** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise what the Queensland Police Service is doing in response to reports that criminal gang members have claimed to disaffiliate and handed in their colours in Queensland, but are patching over to the Thailand and other South East Asian chapters of their gangs and flaunting their colours on social media?

ANSWER:

Queensland has the toughest, strongest, most comprehensive serious and organised crime laws in the nation. I am advised that the Queensland Police Service (QPS) Organised Crime Gangs Group maintains a specialist intelligence Criminal Assessment Team to continually review the status of all gang members and examine the standing of those OMCG members who come forward to formally disassociate. This intelligence collection includes monitoring of international social media.

Queensland police work in close partnership with the Australian Border Force, Australian Federal Police (AFP), Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and international law enforcement to police organised crime activities and travel into Asia. I am advised that Thailand has established Taskforce Storm, a bilateral arrangement with the AFP tackling organised crime.

QPS has advised that they will continue to maintain a specialised Outlaw Motorcycle Gang (OMCG) intelligence unit and will work closely with the Australian Gangs Intelligence Coordination Centre to maintain a National Gangs List, including members who may travel to Asia. Australian agencies share intelligence and work together to protect our borders and monitor travel. A number of Queensland-based OMCGs have had their travel disrupted through these international relationships.

The Queensland Organised Crime Gangs Group Commander is the chair of the National Taskforce Morpheus, a group comprising law enforcement agencies from all Australian and New Zealand jurisdictions as well as members from the AFP, Australian Border Force, Australian Criminal Intelligence Commission and several Commonwealth agencies. Members meet regularly to discuss emerging trends and share information and methodologies in combating OMCGs and their influence in Australia.