

Question on Notice
No. 1265
Asked on 19 September 2018

MR T WATTS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the FTE allocation of police officers for the Townsville district as at 1 September 2018?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the actual police FTE strength for the Townsville District, as at 1 September 2018, was 531.75.

Townsville District police are assigned to either a Police Division or to District Functions. The District is also supported by regional and centralised police services such as the Road Policing Command, Scenes of Crime, Intelligence and Prosecutions.

This Government has committed to an additional 535 frontline police and operational specialists by 2021-22, including 115 counter terrorism specialists for the implementation of the new Security and Counter Terrorism Command.

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 also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

The Queensland Police Service is constantly reviewing the options available to ensure the best possible service is provided to Queensland's communities, including Townsville Police District.