

[Please note that this Answer updates the Answer to Question on Notice No. 1494 of 2018 tabled on 29 November 2018.]

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No. 1494
Asked on 30 October 2018

MR J KRAUSE ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the police budget for the Ipswich police district from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to ensuring the Ipswich Police District has the resources it needs to keep Queenslanders safe.

As part of the 2016-17 State Budget, the Palaszczuk Government made significant investments in policing in Ipswich and across Queensland.

More than \$6 million was allocated over three years to provide body worn cameras to frontline police, including frontline officers in the Ipswich Police District. The total distribution of 2,700 Body Worn Cameras represented the largest number of devices rolled out to any law enforcement agency in Australia.

In 2016-17, young at-risk people in Ipswich were given a helping hand to turn their lives around as part of a \$7.4 million investment over five years and \$1.9 million a year ongoing, to deliver Project Booyah.

In May 2016, the Palaszczuk Government announced \$400,000 for Community Policing Boards across the state. Since then, Ipswich Community Policing Board has been successfully implementing strategies to keep our communities safe.

In 2016-17, the Ipswich Police District and the Ipswich Road Policing Command benefited from a \$32 million statewide allocation for new and replacement service vehicles.

The Palaszczuk Government also continued to rollout body worn cameras in the 2017-18 budget.

The Ipswich Police District and Ipswich community is benefiting from the \$4.1 million investment over four years to significantly expand roadside drug testing program across the state.

In 2017-18, the Ipswich Road Policing Command was also supported by the \$32.4 million statewide investment for new and replacement service vehicles.

Police in the Ipswich District are benefiting from the Palaszczuk Government's 2018-19 State Budget which focuses on investment towards a more mobile and borderless policing model. This year's \$2.4 billion capital and operating police budget – which is an increase of more than 13 per cent since 2015 - ensures police personnel are given the resources they need to keep Queenslanders safe.

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The Government invested \$4 million in 2018-19 for 24 additional District Domestic and Family Violence Coordinators across the state to provide direction, guidance, and training on issues associated with domestic and family violence, including two for the Ipswich region.

In 2018-19, the Ipswich Police District received 46 additional QLITE devices as part of our election commitment to deliver an additional 1,400 QLITE devices to frontline police.

As part of the Governments \$30 million investment for police service vehicles, the Ipswich Road Policing Command will receive three new Kia Stinger vehicles as part of this statewide allocation.

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to invest in the Ipswich Police District. By investing in our police, we are investing in the safety and security of the Ipswich community.

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ANSWER:

I refer to my tabled response to Question on Notice 1499 in which the Member asked me to outline the police budget for the Ipswich Police District over a period of years.

I complied by outlining the police budget for this District over the years in question.

It should be noted that, had the Member asked if I would provide the police budget, rather than outline it, I would have done so.

However, putting aside the ambiguity of the Member's question, and noting that he does not want an outline of the budget initiatives delivered to the Ipswich Police District over these respective years, I furnish the following information in the spirit of the season.

Ipswich District	2016-17 Budget \$'000	2017-18 Budget \$'000	2018-19 Budget \$'000
	5,318	5,651	5,707

It is important to note that this budget information does not include significant wages and salary costs for the Ipswich Police District and any other expenditure that is centrally managed, such as Road Policing Command, Scenes of Crime, Prosecutions, the Major and Organised Crime Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, Intelligence and Road Policing.

I can advise that in the 2018-19 State Budget, more than \$2.4 billion was invested in our police, which is an increase of 13.4% over four years.

In relation to approved permanent positions for district, division and central functions, I am advised there are 454 police officers in the Ipswich Police District as at 30 September 2018, which represents an increase of 43 positions from July 2014 to 30 September 2018.

The allocation of police resources, including the allocation of district police budgets, 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.

Further, this government has committed to an additional 535 police personnel by 2021-22.