

Question on Notice
No. 1527
Asked on 31 October 2018

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

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government will continue to provide police with the resources and equipment to do what they do best – keep Queenslanders safe.

We also remain committed to listening to local communities and giving them a voice.

We promised to create Community Policing Boards in every Police District, including the Far North, and our 2016-17 state budget investment of \$400,000 across Queensland delivers on this commitment.

The Community Policing Board in the Far North Police District gives local people a say on local issues. The board works with the local community and police to achieve local solutions to local issues. We know that working together in a partnership is the best way to create safe, caring and connected communities.

This budget also delivered more police and more resources to the Far North Police District.

The 2017-18 police budget of \$2.37 billion continued to position the Queensland Police Service to meet the growing demand for policing services across the District. Again, it delivered more police and police resources. Police in the Far North Police District benefited from the statewide roll out of body worn video cameras to frontline police.

Officers in the far north were also provided with new tasers as part of an investment of \$6.7 million investment in 2,000 new tasers and ancillary items at a cost of \$6.7 million in the 2016-17 financial year.

The Palaszczuk Government also fulfilled its promise to target domestic and family violence by funding two new specialist police officers in the Far North Police District, where they will provide specialist education and training to operational police.

This budget also provided funding for the roll out of 1,400 new QLITE mobile tablet devices to frontline police, including 151 additional QLITes for officers across the Far North Police District in a \$5.9 million investment over three years.

Further, several capital works projects have been funded in the 2018-19 budget, including funds towards an upgrade of the Atherton Police Station to enhance community safety. This follows the recent opening of the new Gordonvale Police Station.

Construction is completed on the upgrade to the Thursday Island police station and we have allocated funding towards planning for a replacement police station and watch house in Aurukun and a replacement station and watch house in Pormpuraaw.

Our 2018-19 budget means more police, more police stations, more technology, more specialist police officers and 535 additional police personnel over the next four years across Queensland.