

Question on Notice
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MR J LISTER ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to keeping Queenslanders safe. Our investments over consecutive budget reflects this commitment.

I can advise that the 2016-17 budget has funded a raft of community safety initiatives, including extra funding to help police target serious and organised crime across Queensland.

Our investment of \$39.1 million in extra funding over four years will help police in the South West Police District target serious and organised crime in all its forms, including drug trafficking, child sex exploitation, boiler room fraud and outlaw motorcycle gangs.

Further, we committed almost \$30 million for new and replacement technology across Queensland. This funding is particularly important in the South West Police District, which is reliant on radio communication equipment, surveillance equipment and traffic-related equipment.

We also delivered on our election commitment to establish a Community Policing Board in the South West Police District. This board is represented by a cross section of the community and includes local police and community representatives from not-for-profit organisations, local businesses, local governments and community members who can help address specific local issues. By working together, the boards aim to achieve local solutions to local issues.

In the 2017-18 budget, funding was set aside for new and replacement police vehicles, including marked, unmarked and covert police vehicles. This is particularly important in the South West Police District given the distances travelled by local police, working day in, day out, to keep the community safe.

With regards to the 2018-19 budget, I can advise that the Palaszczuk Government is funding additional equipment for local officers.

For example, 60 additional QLiTE devices have been provided to officers across the South West District as part of our election commitment to deliver additional Q-LiTEs to frontline police across Queensland. We are also rolling out more body worn video cameras across the South West District.

Our commitment to police in the South West is resolute and we thank them for the work they do in keeping their community safe. Their job is not nine to five; it can be challenging and dangerous at times and for that we owe them a great debt of gratitude.