

Question on Notice
No. 1560
Asked on 31 October 2018

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

QUESTION:

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

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to providing Mount Isa police with the funds and the resources they need to keep the community safe.

In 2016-17, the Palaszczuk Government launched the statewide Community Policing Board initiative with \$400,000 allocated over three years. The Mount Isa District has an active Community Policing Board which meets on a quarterly basis and has contributed to a collaborative approach to crime prevention with Government, service providers and the community working together to reduce crime rates.

As part of the \$6 million statewide investment in 2016-17, over three years, the Mount Isa Police District officers received body worn cameras as part of the rollout. 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, the Palaszczuk Government committed over \$7 million over five years and \$1.9 million a year ongoing to Project Booyah, for nine locations across the state. Mount Isa's Project Booyah program is helping troubled young people make better life decisions, building their self-esteem and redirecting them away from criminal activity, back into education, training and employment.

In 2017-18, the Mount Isa Police District was also supported by the \$32.4 million statewide investment for new and replacement service vehicles.

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

The Palaszczuk Government funded the continued rollout of stage two of the Queensland Police Service statewide roll out of body worn cameras. Mount Isa police, Public Safety Response Team and Mount Isa Dog Squad, were provided with these additional resources and extra training to ensure they were equipped with the skills they need to ensure they could make use of the new technology and deliver an improved service to the community.

In 2018-19, the Mount Isa Police District received 23 additional QLITE devices as part of our election commitment to deliver an additional 1,400 QLITE devices to frontline police.

The latest state budget included funding for an additional domestic violence officer for the Mount Isa district. This was part of the Palaszczuk Government's election commitment to provide 24 additional DV officers across the state.

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