

Question on Notice
No. 1640
Asked on 13 November 2018

MS F SIMPSON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) —

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise which schools on the Sunshine Coast have a school-based police officer and whether there are any plans in place for this initiative to be extended to any other schools on the Sunshine Coast?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government and the Queensland Police Service (QPS) are committed to keeping communities safe.

The QPS has advised that school-based police officers are assigned to Maroochydore State High School, Nambour State College and Kawana Waters State College and that they continue to engage young people in sporting events and provide presentations to students on topics, such as anti-bullying and safety.

The Member may be interested to know that there are 78 schools on the Sunshine Coast engaged with the 'Adopt-a-Cop' program. The program builds positive relationships between police and members of the school community.

I am advised by QPS that the police continue to monitor school safety on the Sunshine Coast to ensure the safety of students, parents, staff and the school community.

Further, I can advise that the allocation of police resources, including school-based police officers, 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.