

Question on Notice
No. 440
Asked on 2 May 2018

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the current FTE allocation of police officers for each of the divisions of Broadbeach, Coolangatta, Coomera, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Palm Beach, Robina, Runaway Bay, Southport and Surfers Paradise?

ANSWER:

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that, as at 30 April 2018, the approved police strength of the Gold Coast District was 841 permanent positions.

As at that date, the QPS has further advised that the actual police strength for each Police Division within Gold Coast District was:

Police Division	Actual Police Strength (FTE)
Broadbeach	68.38
Coolangatta	35.74
Coomera	67.68
Mudgeeraba	21.63
Nerang	40.63
Palm Beach	33.21
Robina	29.36
Runaway Bay	25.26
Southport	103.05
Surfers Paradise	108.59

It is important to note that actual police strengths include paid and unpaid officers and may include officers on leave without pay. Further, police advise that the actual police strength for Coomera Station is currently supported by an additional ten officers.

The District also has access to specialist police services, such as Road Policing, Scenes of Crime, Intelligence and Prosecutions.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to an additional 535 police personnel by 2021-22, including 115 counter terrorism specialists for the implementation of the new Security and Counter Terrorism Command. This growth includes an increase of 50 police officers, approved for the 2017-2018 financial year.

The allocation of police resources 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 also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.