

Question on Notice

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Asked on Thursday, 3 May 2018

MS L LINARD ASKED MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND MAIN ROADS (HON M BAILEY)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline the benefits of the recently announced policing outpost at Northgate train station, to the people of the electorate of Nudgee and Brisbane's northside?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Nudgee for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed \$1.9 million to bolster rail security for the expanding northern suburbs, with a new dedicated police Railway Squad outpost to be constructed at Northgate station.

With Brisbane's northern suburbs rapidly expanding, and the new Redcliffe Peninsula line welcoming more than a million customer trips in its first year of operation, a new police outpost strategically located at Northgate station will allow the Railway Squad to more efficiently deploy its resources to stations and train services in the inner north.

A team of eight police officers will be relocated to the new outpost once it opens from early 2019. These officers will work together with officers already based at Petrie station to patrol and respond to any instances of anti-social behaviour or other offences.

Northgate station is a key junction point for the Shorncliffe, Caboolture and Redcliffe Peninsula lines, and a police outpost at this location will make it far easier and more efficient for Railway Squad officers to access multiple lines on Brisbane's north.

The additional outpost at Northgate will further strengthen ties between the Queensland Police Service and Queensland Rail and sends a strong message about security on the rail network.

I thank the Member for Nudgee for taking the time to brief me recently regarding concerns raised by the community about security at this station. This is an excellent outcome for Northgate and the surrounding areas.