

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 821**  
**Asked on 14 June 2018**

**MR T WATTS** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to Question on Notice No. 440 of 2018—

Will the Minister (a) advise why there is a deficit of 307 FTEs as per the actual police strength, compared to the approved police strength, (b) advise when the full approved complement of 841 permanent police positions on the Gold Coast will be filled and (c) provide a breakdown of approved police strength numbers per police division on the Gold Coast?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that there is no deficit of FTEs on the Gold Coast District when comparing the approved strength with the actual FTE strength.

As advised in QON 440, as at 30 April 2018 the approved police strength of the Gold Coast District, was 841 permanent positions and the actual FTE strength was 841.22.

As at 31 May 2018, the approved police strength of the Gold Coast District was 841 permanent positions and the actual police FTE strength was 849.69. This includes 514.84 FTE in Police Divisions and 307.85 FTE in District Functions.

I am advised that Gold Coast District police are assigned to either a Police Division or a District Function. District Function include areas such as the Criminal Investigation Branch, the Child Protection and Investigation Unit, and the Gold Coast Rapid Action and Patrols.

The QPS has advised that the approved police strength numbers per police division and FTEs on the Gold Coast are detailed in the table below:

<b>GOLD COAST DIVISIONS</b>	<b>APPR PERM POSN</b>
BROADBEACH DIVISION	64
SOUTHPORT DIVISION	99
COOLANGATTA DIVISION	35
COOMERA DIVISION	58
MUDGEERABA DIVISION	22
NERANG DIVISION	33
PALM BEACH DIVISION	34
ROBINA DIVISION	29
RUNAWAY BAY DIVISION	24

The QPS has advised that the police headcount of specific areas can fluctuate with the movement, induction and separation of officers. The impact of the induction of First Year Constables and the assignment of Second Year Constables is particularly influential.