

Question on Notice
No. 1838
Asked on 26 November 2019

MR MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail any instances where the Queensland Police Service monitor live CCTV footage to enable police responses to potential criminal behaviour?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that police work closely with state and local government partners in the monitoring of CCTV networks across Queensland, where members of the QPS often work in monitoring rooms alongside council staff who are also monitoring and reviewing CCTV networks.

The QPS has advised that live monitoring of CCTV occurs most frequently during the staging of major events, including Riverfire, New Year's Eve celebrations, the Gold Coast 600, Schoolies festivities and the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

Further, I am advised the increased capability of CCTV networks allows the QPS to view live footage on police mobile Q-Lite devices. The QPS has advised that the use of mobile Q-Lite devices as viewing platforms for CCTV provides operational police officers with greater awareness of community safety issues and enhances their ability to deter, detect and successfully resolve cases.

The QPS has advised that, while many CCTV networks are also monitored by local councils, information-sharing arrangements provide monitoring staff with direct access to police communication centres.

The Member may be interested to know that reviews of CCTV footage and video footage from members of the public have also been used by QPS to successfully resolve many major investigations.