

Question on Notice
No. 192
Asked on 27 February 2019

MRS D FRECKLINGTON ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the actual and approved strength of full time employees, police officers (reported separately) at each local police station in the Nanango Electorate as at 25 November 2017 and 25 February 2019?

ANSWER:

Under the Palaszczuk Labor Government there are more police in Queensland than ever before, with more on the way.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to delivering an additional 535 police personnel, including 115 counter terrorism specialists by 2021-22.

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 ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that comparing the actual headcount or actual FTE at any particular point in time is an ineffective measure as these numbers can vary with temporary vacancies, retirements, transfers and new recruits coming on line. Further, I am advised that the allocation of new First Year Constables and Second Year Constables is particularly influential with regards to these numbers. Accordingly, the most effective measure for comparison is the approved police strength.

As such, the QPS has advised that the total approved police strength at all stations in the Nanango Electorate has remained stable over this time with only minor variations in the headcount. The QPS has also advised that the overall total headcount in the Nanango Electorate has remained above the approved police strength.

I am further advised by the QPS that the total approved staff member headcount in the Nanango Electorate has increased over this period and the actual staff member headcount has remained stable.

The QPS has provided the following table in response to the Member's question in relation to the electorate of Nanango:

Police Strength*

POLICE DIVISION	AS AT 30-11-2017		AS AT 28-02-2019	
	APPROVED STRENGTH (PERM POLICE POSITIONS)	ACTUAL STRENGTH (HEADCOUNT)	APPROVED STRENGTH (PERM POLICE POSITIONS)	ACTUAL STRENGTH (HEADCOUNT)
BLACKBUTT DIVISION	3	3	3	3
CHERBOURG DIVISION	7	5	7	6
COOYAR DIVISION	1	1	1	1
CROWS NEST DIVISION	2	2	2	2
ESK DIVISION	3	3	3	3
GOOMERI DIVISION	2	2	2	2
GYMPIE DIVISION	39	46	39	47
KILCOY DIVISION	2	2	2	2
KILKIVAN DIVISION	2	2	2	2
KINGAROY DIVISION	19	21	19	21
KUMBIA DIVISION	1	1	1	1
LOWOOD DIVISION	18	18	18	17
MOORE DIVISION	1	1	1	1
MURGON DIVISION	23	24	23	22
NANANGO DIVISION	10	12	10	10
PERANGA DIVISION	1	1	1	1
PROSTON DIVISION	1	1	1	1
TOOGOOLAWAH DIVISION	2	2	2	2
WONDAI DIVISION	2	2	2	3
YARRAMAN DIVISION	2	2	2	2

* Human resource statistics are compiled and validated by the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) at the end of each month. Therefore, the information available to answer this question was verified on 30 November 2017 and 28 February 2019.

Staff Member Positions

POLICE DIVISION	AS AT 30-11-2017		AS AT 28-02-2019	
	APPROVED HEADCOUNT (STAFF POSITIONS)	ACTUAL HEADCOUNT (STAFF MEMBERS)	APPROVED HEADCOUNT (STAFF POSITIONS)	ACTUAL HEADCOUNT (STAFF MEMBERS)
BLACKBUTT DIVISION				
CHERBOURG DIVISION	2.16	5	2.16	4
COOYAR DIVISION				
CROWS NEST DIVISION	0.83	1	0.83	1
ESK DIVISION	0.66	1	0.66	1
GOOMERI DIVISION				
GYMPIE DIVISION	8.5	10	9.83	10
KILCOY DIVISION	0.66	1	0.66	1
KILKIVAN DIVISION				
KINGAROY DIVISION	3	3	3	3
KUMBIA DIVISION				
LOWOOD DIVISION	1	1	1	1
MOORE DIVISION				
MURGON DIVISION	5.5	6	5.5	6
NANANGO DIVISION	1.16	2	1.16	2
PERANGA DIVISION				
PROSTON DIVISION				
TOOGOOLAWAH DIVISION	0.86	1	0.86	1
WONDAI DIVISION	0.8	1	0.8	2
YARRAMAN DIVISION	0.63	1	0.63	1