

Question on Notice
No. 536
Asked on 3 April 2019

MRS J STUCKEY ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to homelessness in the Currumbin Electorate — Will the Minister provide details (reported by month and suburb) for 2016-17 and 2017-18 of the number of reports to police of (a) homeless people and (b) homeless persons causing public nuisance?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the information required to answer the Member's question is unable to be provided, as homelessness is not a demographic recorded by QPS.

The QPS does not discriminate against people on the basis that they are experiencing homelessness.

People experiencing homelessness report a disproportionate level of victimisation, including repeated experiences of childhood abuse, domestic and family violence, rape, physical and sexual assault, and robbery.

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to reducing homelessness in Queensland and delivering a more connected service that provides seamless pathways from homelessness into safe, secure and affordable housing.

Queensland police work with a range of government and non-government agencies to deliver high quality services to those vulnerable people.

The QPS has advised that to identify the number of reports to police of homeless people and homeless people causing public nuisance would require the manual examination of all reports received by police for the requested periods. This is considered by the QPS to be an unjustifiable use of police resources.