

Question on Notice

No. 544

Asked on 4 April 2019

MR S KING ASKED MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (HON M FURNER)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many new compliance officers have been engaged as a result of the Sustainable Fisheries Strategy and what funding has been provided toward these officer positions?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government boosted Queensland's fisheries compliance resources in 2017 as part of its Sustainable Fisheries Strategy; investing an additional \$20 million over three years to support additional compliance, monitoring, engagement and more responsive decision-making.

A total of 20 additional compliance officers were appointed in late 2017 delivering a 20 per cent increase in the number of frontline Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol officers who work every day to help protect our fish stocks.

This boost in compliance has a strong emphasis on regional employment and government services. The additional officers took up positions throughout Queensland including on the Gold Coast, Redlands, Mooloolaba, Noosa, Warwick, Hervey Bay, Bundaberg, Kingaroy, Yeppoon, Airlie Beach, Mackay, Townsville, Cairns, Port Douglas and Gladstone.

Four officers were appointed to Gladstone, which saw the reopening of the Gladstone office.