

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 585**  
**Asked on 04 April 2019**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the police officer overtime costs with respect to Queensland watch houses for 2016 to 2019 to date (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I am informed by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the police officer overtime expenditure recorded against watch houses between the 2015-16 to 2018-19 financial years is as follows:

| <b>Financial Year</b> | <b>Amount (\$)</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 2015-16               | 276,000            |
| 2016-17               | 223,000            |
| 2017-18               | 328,000            |
| 2018-19*              | 927,000            |

\*2018-19 is year to date 31 March 2019

The QPS has advised that the variation of financials during the 2018-19 financial year is not sourced from the QPS budget.

I am advised that no officers were re-assigned from normal police duties in Queensland watch houses. Any overtime shifts in watch houses were performed by QPS members outside their normal rostered shifts, as required. As such, the operational capabilities of police, especially in relation to matters of community safety, were not compromised.