

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 61**  
**Asked on 13 February 2019**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many police officers are required to oversee the transport of a wind turbine blade from the Port of Brisbane to the AGL Wind Farm at Coopers Gap, near Jandowae?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the number of escorts and pilots required for a wide load escort is determined in accordance with the *Form 41: Guideline for Pilot and Escort Operations in Queensland*, which is administered by the Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR).

Further, the QPS has advised that the Form 41 Guideline provides a graduated escalation of the number of escorts required, from industry escorts and pilots to the addition of police escorts, for wide loads up to 45m long. These guidelines are in place to ensure the safety of the community during the movements of wide loads in Queensland.

The QPS has advised that loads greater than 45m long are subject to a special assessment, in consultation with DTMR and the transport operator, to determine the capability of the load safely moving on the Queensland road network.

I am informed that the Coopers Gap Windfarm blades are 67.2m in length, resulting in an overall transporting vehicle configuration length of 80m.

I am advised by the QPS that three police escort vehicles, with one police officer in each vehicle, are allocated to the Coopers Gap Windfarm blade movements from the Port of Brisbane to the Coopers Gap Windfarm site.