

Question on Notice
No. 65
Asked on 13 February 2019

MR R STEVENS ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the total police budget for the Gold Coast police district from 2016-17 to 2018-19 (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the Gold Coast police district budget for 2016-17 to 2018-19 is as follows:

| Gold Coast District | 2016-17 Budget \$'000 | 2017-18 Budget \$'000 | 2018-19 Budget \$'000 |
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| | 10,449 | 10,600 | 11,364 |

It is important to note that this budget information does not include significant wages and salary costs for the Gold Coast Police District and any other expenditure that is centrally managed, such as Road Policing Command, Scenes of Crime, Prosecutions, the Major and Organised Crime Squad, Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit and Intelligence.

I can advise that in the 2018-19 State Budget, more than \$2.4 billion was invested in our police, which is an increase of 13.4% over four years.

The allocation of police resources, including the allocation of district police budgets, 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.