

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 98**  
**Asked on 14 February 2019**

**MR T WATTS** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN) -

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the number of reportable offenders subject to the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004 in each police district from 2015 to 2018 (reported separately by year and police district)?

ANSWER:

The Palaszczuk Government will always act in the best interest of community safety.

We have delivered for Queenslanders with the nation's strongest laws when it comes to dealing with child sex offenders. We backed our tough laws with a \$25 million funding boost for police surveillance and enforcement.

The QPS has advised that breaches of reporting obligations can lead up to 5 years imprisonment.

As such, the Queensland Police Service (QPS) has advised that the provision of a list of reportable offenders within police districts may lead to vigilante actions, which would not be in the best interest of community safety.

However, I appreciate the Member's request for information on the number of reportable offenders subject to the Child Protection (Offender Reporting and Offender Prohibition Order) Act 2004 (the Act).

I am advised that there were 3,029 reportable offenders on the Queensland component of the National Child Offenders Register, as at February 2015. I am further advised that 690 of these offenders were either in custody, subject to a Dangerous Prisoner Sexual Offenders Act order, suspended overseas, in immigration detention, deported, or shared with other states. The remaining 2,339 offenders were subject to monitoring under the Act.

I am advised that there were 3,175 reportable offenders on the Queensland component of the National Child Offenders Register, as at February 2016. I am further advised that 835 of these offenders were either in custody, subject to a Dangerous Prisoner Sexual Offenders Act order, suspended overseas, in immigration detention, deported, or shared with other states. The remaining 2,340 offenders were subject to monitoring under the Act.

I am advised that there were 3,161 reportable offenders on the Queensland component of the National Child Offenders Register, as at February 2017. I am further advised that 907 of these offenders were either in custody, subject to a Dangerous Prisoner Sexual Offenders Act order, suspended overseas, in

immigration detention, deported, or shared with other states. The remaining 2,254 offenders were subject to monitoring under the Act.

I am advised that there were 3,255 reportable offenders on the Queensland component of the National Child Offenders Register, as at February 2018. I am further advised that 889 of these offenders were either in custody, subject to a Dangerous Prisoner Sexual Offenders Act order, suspended overseas, in immigration detention, deported, or shared with other states. The remaining 2,366 offenders were subject to monitoring under the Act.