

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 147**  
**Asked on 18 February 2020**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the actual FTE police strength and the approved FTE police strength for the Coolangatta police division as at 1 January 2019, 1 July 2019 and 1 January 2020 (reported separately by date)?

ANSWER:

There are more than 1,000 police officers based on the Gold Coast, working day-in-day-out to keep the community safe. Since being elected, this Government has delivered 44 extra police to the Gold Coast District.

With over 1,000 police officers on the Gold Coast and more to come, this Government is backing community safety.

Police on the Gold Coast are also better trained and better equipped than ever before, with 597 QLiTE devices for frontline Police, 366 new X26P model Tasers 129 vehicles 5 vessels and 658 body worn video cameras, with more on the way as part of our plan to equip every uniformed first responder police officer with a body worn video camera.

Our record 2019-20 Police Budget shows that our government backs our police 100% in what they do best – and that's to keep communities safe.

As the Member would know, the allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, crime and safety issues, calls for service, new or emerging issues and facility requirements. The 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.

The QPS has advised that the actual police headcount on a given date is a snapshot taken at a particular point in time, and this figure will fluctuate over time due to retirements, other separations, transfers and new recruits coming on line.

However, I appreciate the Member's interest in this matter and as such I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that the approved strength and actual headcount of the Coolangatta Division is shown in the table below:

COOLANGATTA DIVISION	APPROVED STRENGTH	ACTUAL HEADCOUNT
31-Dec-18 <sup>1</sup>	35	39
30-Jun-19 <sup>1</sup>	35	38
31-Dec-19 <sup>1</sup>	35	38
29-Feb-20 <sup>1</sup>	35	38

1. All human resource statistics are compiled and validated by the Public Safety Business Agency (PSBA) at the end of each month. Therefore, the information available to answer this question has been verified as at 31 December 2018, 30 June 2019, 31 December 2019 and 29 February 2020.

The QPS has advised that as part of the over 1000 police on the Gold Coast, the Coolangatta Police Division is supported by district function services and specialist regional centralised services.

These include the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection and Investigation Unit, the Rapid Action and Patrol Group, Road Policing Unit, Dog Squad, Scenes of Crime, Intelligence, Polair, and Prosecutions.