

Question on Notice
No. 182
Asked on 18 February 2020

MR D PEGG ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the success of Operation Romeo Airtight and outline what ongoing activities the police are undertaking to keep locals in Stretton safe?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that Operation Romeo Airtight was a multi-tiered operation combining high visibility policing deployments, high risk offender targeting, awareness campaigns and community engagement established by QPS, with a focus on Sunnybank and surrounding suburbs.

A number of the operational policing strategies included in Operation Romeo Airtight will continue in 2020 and will be supported by the Mounted Unit, the Railway Squad, the Public Safety Response Team and the Bicycle Squad.

Further, the QPS has advised that the operation has actively engaged with the community to increase awareness in personal and road safety.

Advice from QPS is that South Brisbane District Crime Prevention and Police Liaison Officers attended 145 community engagements and produced 50 articles throughout the operation on the *MyPolice* web site.

I am further advised by the QPS that a range of crime prevention videos were released on WeChat, a popular social media platform in the community. This platform allows police to better communicate with the community on crime prevention tips and important community safety updates.

A number of community events and meetings also took place in the community, including 'Bubble Tea with a Cop' and community safety presentations to community groups in and around Sunnybank.

The role of Police Liaison Officers in the community is invaluable, particularly their interaction with the local community. These officers provide personal safety information and assist with avenues to report safety issues to police.

The QPS have advised that as at 31 December 2019, Operation Romeo Airtight resulted in 1,486 persons prosecuted on 3,561 charges, 4,327 intelligence street checks, 8,261 traffic infringement notices, 19,431 random breath tests and 13 rail infringement notices.