

**Question on Notice
No. 22
Asked on 4 February 2020**

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise how many operational Water Police there are currently in the Gold Coast district and a general summary of what resources and equipment they have at their disposal?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service that:

- As at 31 January 2020, the Gold Coast Water Police has an approved strength of 14 police officers.
- Vessels currently allocated to the Gold Coast Water Police include:
 - The QPV *D A Shean*, an 11.3 metre alloy catamaran.
 - The QPV *A P Anderson*, a 7.6 metre rigid-hull inflatable boat (RHIB).
 - A 6.2 metre RHIB.
 - Two Yamaha personal watercraft (jet skis).

A vessel to replace the QPV *D A Shean* is currently under construction. This purpose-built, 12 metre, monohulled, high-speed patrol boat will enhance the current capability on the Gold Coast.

There are also two modified four-wheel drive vehicles for the Gold Coast water police, along with QLite devices and Body Worn Cameras to help keep communities safe.

The Gold Coast water police work in close co-operation with partner maritime agencies including Maritime Safety Queensland, Australian Maritime Safety Authority, Queensland Boating & Fisheries Patrol, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Queensland Volunteer Marine Rescue, Australian Volunteer Coast Guard and Australian Maritime Border Command to keep our waterways safe for all users.