

Question on Notice
No. 767
Asked on 16 July 2020

MR J MCDONALD ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise the total number of approved and actual police strength for the Queensland Police Service (reported separately) as at 30 June 2020 in (a) Queensland, (b) each police district and (c) each police region?

ANSWER:

The allocation of police resources 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.

The Palaszczuk Government has committed to increasing police numbers by an additional 535 police personnel, including 115 counter terrorism specialists by the end of 2021-22.

Under this government, there are more Police in Queensland than ever before, working hard to keep the community safe.

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

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the police strength for Queensland as at 30 June 2020 was 12,038.

The QPS has advised that as at 30 June 2020 the police strength in the North Brisbane Police District was 1,345; the South Brisbane Police District was 1,178; the Capricornia Police District was 553; the Mackay Police District was 369; the Sunshine Coast Police District was 546; the Wide Bay Burnett Police District was 494; the Far North Police District was 887; the Mount Isa Police District was 204; the Townsville Police District was 710; the Gold Coast Police District was 1,035; the Logan Police District was 723; the Darling Downs Police District was 448; the Ipswich Police District was 460; the Moreton Police District was 450 and the South West Police District was 356.

Further, I am advised by the QPS that as at 30 June 2020 the police strength for the Brisbane Police Region was 2,544; the Central Police Region was 1,972; the Northern Police Region was 1,812; the South Eastern Police Region was 1,810 and the Southern Police Region was 1,724.

As the Member would be aware, more than 300 police personnel including senior police officer positions were abolished under the previous Newman Government.