

**Question on Notice  
No. 86  
Asked on 5 February 2020**

**MR A HARPER** ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND MINISTER FOR CORRECTIVE SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on how the new Upper Ross police facility and additional police is a benefit to the Upper Ross area in Thuringowa?

ANSWER:

This Government is on track and on target to deliver an additional 53 police officers by 30 June this year with 24 of these officers already on the beat in Townsville.

Police Commissioner Katarina Carroll's recently announced changes to the organisation's structure, with a new Deputy Police Commissioner to be permanently based in North Queensland and plans for the Northern Region to be divided into two regions, each with its own dedicated Assistant Commissioner – one in Townsville and one in Cairns.

The new Deputy Commissioner role will be responsible for policing across regional Queensland, which in effect makes Townsville the police headquarters for regional Queensland.

The Upper Ross police facility has an approved police strength of nine officers and an Officer in Charge. The facility is currently operating with a full contingent of staff including administrative support.

The new facility's central location has enhanced access for community members and residents of Condon, Rasmussen and Kelso.

Advice from the QPS is that that local residents are supportive of the police presence and that police operating from the Upper Ross police facility have a visible police presence in the community.

Further, a number of community safety initiatives are underway across the Kirwan Police Division, which draws on the combined strength of Kirwan Police Station officers and other policing units.