

Question on Notice
No. 117
Asked on 25 February 2021

MR B MICKELBERG ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's answer to Question on Notice No. 678 of 2020, noting that the existing Buderim Police Beat has been closed since October 2020—

Will the Minister advise when 'Buderim and nearby communities' will see the promised new mobile police beat deployed?

ANSWER:

I have been advised by the Queensland Police Services (QPS) that a strong policing presence continues to be maintained within Buderim.

Further, the QPS has advised that designated police officers from Maroochydore Police Division regularly attend the Buderim business district and that police from the Sunshine Coast Police District continue to attend calls for service in Buderim 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in line with the current priority policing model.

The allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, community safety concerns and any new or emerging issues. The Police Commissioner makes this decision free of any political interference to ensure fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I am advised by the QPS that a mobile police beat for Buderim and nearby communities will be delivered to the new North Coast Region, Sunshine Coast District by mid-2021.

This government is also committed to the deployment of an extra 2025 police personnel over the next five years. These additional personnel will provide the QPS with an enhanced capability to disrupt, investigate and respond to crime. I am advised that at least 150 police officers will be based in the new North Coast Region.