

Question on Notice
No. 12
Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the police beat at Rainbow Beach, increased spate of police incidences on the Cooloola Coast and calls for an increased police presence—

Will the Minister advise when the government will commit to support increased personnel and resources including a new police station on the Cooloola Coast?

ANSWER:

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

The Palaszczuk Government is committed to an extra 2025 police personnel over five years from 1 July 2020. Of these, at least 150 will be located in the North Coast Region, which includes Rainbow Beach and the Cooloola Coast localities.

These additional personnel will not only give the Queensland Police Service (QPS) an enhanced capability to investigate and respond to crime, but also to disrupt and prevent crime.

Further, I am advised by the QPS there are currently more than 490 approved police positions, including central functions, in the Wide Bay Burnett Police District, which services the Rainbow Beach and Cooloola Coast localities.

The allocation of police resources and infrastructure 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.