

Question on Notice
No. 160
Asked on 9 March 2021

MR S KNUTH MP ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister outline any plans for an increase in police numbers in my electorate of Hill to crackdown on youth crime?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that at least 150 police personnel will be deployed to the new Far North Police Region, which includes the Hill electorate, over the next five years. As the member would appreciate, this significant increase in policing resource will support the efforts of the QPS to further enhance community safety in the member's electorate.

The Member may be interested to know that the new Far North Police Region also now has its own dedicated Assistant Commissioner, Brett Schafferius, who is an experienced and outstanding police officer with significant policing experience.

Assistant Commissioner Schafferius is well known in the Far North. Early in his career he spent time in the Mareeba Criminal Investigation Branch and more recently, he held the position of Chief Superintendent and District Officer of the Far North Police District.

In addition, the government is also building on the progress of our \$550 million investment in community safety and our Five Point Action Plan on Youth Offending by introducing new legislation to the Queensland Parliament to target recidivist youth offenders. On this point, I refer the Member to the *Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendments Bill 2021*, which is currently being examined by the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee, for further information about our recently announced measures.