Question on Notice No. 42 Asked on 23 February 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the number of police officers assigned to North Tamborine and Canungra Police Stations, (b) the number of police officers currently at those stations, (c) Whether these stations operate a regular roster that includes police coverage overnight (d) if there is no regular overnight roster, how areas covered by the North Tamborine and Canungra Police Stations are adequately serviced by police overnight?

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 South Eastern Region, which includes the North Tamborine and Canungra localities.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that as of 31 January 2021, the approved police strength of the North Tamborine Police Station was eight and the approved police strength of Canungra Police Station was also eight. These officers are supported by two Administration Officers.

I am advised by the QPS that North Tamborine and Canungra Police Stations operate on a two-shift eight-hour roster and work in collaboration to ensure community safety continues to be met and maintained.

To support these two stations, police from neighbouring stations, including Beaudesert Police Station, also respond to any community safety matters that may arise.

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.