

Question on Notice
No. 575
Asked on 12 May 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise (a) the current FTE allocation of police officers for each of the divisions of Broadbeach, Coolangatta, Coomera, Mudgeeraba, Nerang, Palm Beach, Robina, Runaway Bay, Southport and Surfers Paradise and (b) the number of calls for service for each mentioned police division (reported monthly from January 2020 to April 2021 in table format)?

ANSWER:

As the Member would be aware, the current and future allocation of police resources is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, safety issues and any new or emerging issues. The Commissioner makes this decision free of any political interference, which is as it should be. This also ensures a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that there were more than 1,000 approved police officer positions in the Gold Coast Police District as at 31 March 2021.

Further, I am advised by the QPS that of the more than 1,000 approved police officer positions, a number are allocated to policing divisions as set out below. The remainder are allocated to district and central policing functions.

- Broadbeach Division – 63
- Coolangatta Division – 34
- Coomera Division – 82
- Mudgeeraba Division – 22
- Nerang Division – 39
- Palm Beach Division – 33
- Robina Division – 29
- Runaway Bay Division - 24
- Southport Division – 101
- Surfers Paradise Division – 108
- Pimpama Police Division – on 3 June 2021, the first 10 of 36 positions were announced for the soon to be constructed Pimpama Police Station. These positions will be located at Coomera Police Station until the commissioning of the Police Station is completed.

I am advised by the QPS that the below table contains the number of calls for service for each Gold Coast District Police Division, reported by month from 01 January 2020 to 30 April 2021.

I am further advised one of the contributors to the 2020 and 2021 calls for service statistics relates to a category police have never dealt with before – the COVID-19 global health pandemic – with people reaching out to police with information and seeking assistance.

The combined efforts of police and the community helped keep Queenslanders safe.

Number of Calls for Service, Gold Coast Police District All Divisions, 01 January 2020 to 30 April 2021^(1,2,3)

Division	2020												2021			
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Broadbeach	1,717	1,472	1,636	1,803	1,684	1,510	1,544	1,707	1,704	1,707	1,691	1,799	1,655	1,322	1,384	1,409
Coolangatta	1,081	900	922	830	735	734	776	810	728	660	587	813	700	554	550	607
Coomera	2,915	2,640	3,014	2,878	2,596	2,403	2,452	2,873	2,621	3,053	2,886	2,888	3,129	2,512	2,658	2,628
Mudgeeraba	582	494	557	598	551	445	532	534	579	608	466	602	616	489	569	517
Nerang	1,291	1,252	1,213	1,240	1,181	976	1,114	1,158	1,063	1,209	1,090	1,300	1,158	976	1,088	1,172
Palm Beach	1,135	1,091	1,200	1,179	911	852	829	896	787	922	909	1,125	1,064	915	942	892
Robina	788	717	809	665	672	593	702	780	707	749	669	821	703	600	743	669
Runaway Bay	917	707	929	853	665	736	634	729	765	741	613	857	814	664	718	609
Southport	3,124	2,688	3,008	3,020	2,593	2,392	2,447	2,787	2,614	2,726	2,572	2,799	2,911	2,427	2,550	2,628
Surfers Paradise	1,379	1,093	1,281	1,252	1,247	1,227	1,317	1,585	1,515	1,554	1,490	1,832	1,679	1,292	1,506	1,253

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.
2. This data has been extracted using the initial call for service type and is subject to change.
3. Data produced for geographical areas other than State, region or district are subject to inconsistency, therefore, should be treated as an estimate only.