

Question on Notice
No. 658
Asked on 25 May 2021

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's announcement in July last year committing an additional 18 Child Protection Offender Register officers—

Will the Minister advise (a) how many of these officers have been appointed, (b) where are the officers located, (c) how many offenders have been caught and charged with CPOR related offences such as failing to comply with their reporting obligations, since the appointment of the additional officers and (d) how do these figures compare with previous years 2018, 2019 and 2020?

ANSWER:

Queensland has the strongest laws in the nation to protect the community from child sex offenders.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that there are more than 500 Child Protection Investigation Unit (CPIU) officers across the state working closely with Child Protection Offender Register (CPOR) Coordinators to manage Reportable Offenders. CPIU officers and CPOR Coordinators are also supported by officers from the Crime and Intelligence Command, intelligence specialists and general duties officers across the state.

In 2020, along with the Police Commissioner, I announced that the QPS would employ an additional 18 CPOR Coordinators across the 15 police districts by the end of 2021. Following this announcement, the QPS identified the need for a further additional CPOR Coordinator. This brings the total number of additional CPOR Coordinators to 19. This allocation will increase the number of CPOR Coordinators to 41 by the end of 2021.

I am advised that as at 31 May 2021, an additional 18 CPOR Coordinators have already commenced duty or are awaiting final clearance to commence duty and that the remaining position will be advertised by the end of June 2021 and filled as soon as possible.

The QPS has advised the number of dedicated CPOR police positions to be based in the respective police districts by the end of 2021 is detailed in the table below:

Police District	
Far North	3
Townsville	3
Mt Isa	1
Mackay/Whitsunday	2
Capricornia	3
Wide Bay Burnett	3
Sunshine Coast	2

South West	1
Darling Downs	2
Ipswich	3
Moreton	3
Brisbane North	4
Brisbane South	4
Logan	4
Gold Coast	3

The below table outlines the number of unique persons charged by the QPS with offences relating to breaches of their reporting obligations, namely 'failing to comply with reporting conditions' or 'providing false or misleading information to police'.

Year / Period	Persons Charged	Charges Preferred
2018	505	1,126
2019	565	1,296
2020	581	1,579

2021 figures will be finalised at the end of the 2021 calendar year.