

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 693**  
**Asked on 26 May 2021**

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

QUESTION:

Will the Government immediately provide more police officers for the Kawana Electorate to assist current police officers with the youth crime spree?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. Our record police budget supports the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel over five years from 1 July 2020, including 1,450 police officers. 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.

The allocation of police resources, including police facilities, is determined by the Police Commissioner following a detailed assessment of area growth, community safety and any new or emerging issues. The Police Commissioner makes this decision free of any political interference to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the state.

I am advised by the QPS that of the 1,450 additional police officers to be delivered over five years, at least 150 will be located in the North Coast Region, which includes the Kawana electorate.

Additionally, I am advised by police that this government's tough new laws which target hard-core, recidivist youth offenders are having an impact.

While our Five Point Action Plan has achieved good results so far with the number of unique youth offenders at its lowest level in a decade, down around 30 percent, we have listened to the community and introduced new legislation to curb the offending of the hard-core recidivist cohort which account for 48 percent of all youth offending.

Since the assent of the *Youth Justice and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2021*, courts have had more powers to require fitting of electronic monitoring devices as a condition of bail for recidivist high risk offenders aged 16 and 17, are able to seek assurances from parents and guardians that bail conditions will be complied with before an offender is released and impose a presumption against bail for youth offenders arrested for committing further serious indictable offences while on bail.

These tough new measures build on this Government's Five-Point Action Plan with more than \$550 million invested in community safety on top of this government's record Police Budget.