Question on Notice No. 696 Asked on 26 May 2021

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide an update on the election commitment to roll out mobile police beat vans?

ANSWER:

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that it is planning to deliver 25 mobile police beats over four years.

The mobile police beats will service a number of areas in Queensland including Brisbane North and Brisbane South District, Gold Coast District, Logan District, Sunshine Coast District, Wide Bay Burnett District, Darling Downs District, Mackay Whitsunday District, Ipswich District, Moreton District, Townsville District, Capricornia District and Far North District.

These state-of-the-art mobile police beats are effectively police stations on wheels and can be swiftly deployed to wherever police deem necessary, so communities can see more police, more often. These mobile police beats are the way of the future bringing police into communities when they're needed and where they're needed.

I am advised that mobile police beats have operational benefits when compared to a fixed police beat alternative. As calls for service change between areas over time, the QPS have advised that using mobile police beats as an alternative ensures that policing services are provided to the areas of highest demand to meet calls for service.

From their mobile police beats, police will be able to take crime reports, victim statements, conduct field interviews and boost safety with a more visible policing presence.

I am advised by the QPS that a mobile police beat for Greenslopes and nearby communities will be delivered to the South Brisbane Police District during financial year 2021-22.