

Question on Notice
No. 770
Asked on 15 June 2021

Mr J Bleijie asked Premier and Minister for Trade (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

Will the Premier advise (a) the population increase in the Kawana and Caloundra Electorates over the past 5 years (2017-2021) (reported separately by year) and (b) the percentage of police officers stationed at the Kawana Waters police station and Caloundra police station over the same 5 year period (reported separately by year)?

ANSWER:

As a state electorate redistribution was not finalised until 29 October 2017, it is not possible to provide a fair comparison of population or electoral boundaries prior to this date. Accordingly, the population data as at 30 June each year for the electorates of Caloundra and Kawana is as follows:

Year	Population
2017	Not available due to redistribution
2018	99,511
2019	102,949 (3.5 per cent increase)
2020	106,939 (3.9 per cent increase)
2021	Finalised data not yet available

Source: accessed via QSRIS Database. Collection: Population (ERP)(a) persons only.
ABS 3218.0. *Regional Population Growth, Australia*, various editions.

It is not clear from the Member's question as to what is meant by "percentage of police officers stationed." However, if the Member is asking about the number of officers stationed at the Caloundra and Kawana Waters police stations, then the Member will be interested to know that the approved permanent positions at these stations has increased by 13.6 per cent under my Government.

I can advise that my Government's record police budget also supports the rollout of an additional 2025 police personnel over five years from 1 July 2020, including 1450 police officers. At least 150 police officers will be located in the North Coast Region, which includes the Caloundra and Kawana electorates.

Further, a new \$9 million police facility will be constructed at Caloundra South, reflecting the growing population of the southern Sunshine Coast.

Ultimately 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.