

**Question on Notice**  
**No. 1070**  
**Asked on 14 October 2022**

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Rapid Action Patrol Squad based on the Gold Coast—  
Will the Minister provide (a) the total number of uniform and plain clothes police operational positions, (b) the number of current vacancies, (c) how the officers are sourced i.e. permanent positions or on secondment and (d) how many times the Rapid Action Patrol squad have deployed within the Southport Police Division in the past 12 months?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. The record \$3 billion plus police budget supports the rollout of an additional 2,025 police personnel, including 1,450 sworn officers over five years, from 1 July 2020.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that of the 1,450 additional police officers to be delivered over five years from 1 July 2020, the Police Commissioner has determined that at least 150 positions will be located in the South Eastern Police Region, which includes the Gold Coast Police District and the Southport Police Division.

In addition, the new Pimpama Police Station opened on 24 February 2022 with an approved strength of 40 permanent police positions.

The allocation of police resources is a matter for the Commissioner of Police based on operational policing demand and direct service delivery requirements to ensure a fair and equitable service is provided throughout the State.

I am advised these requirements can change as new policing issues emerge. There are over 1,000 approved police positions in the Gold Coast Police District, an increase of 105 police positions since 2015, as at 30 September 2022.

I am advised by the QPS that:

- a) 97 approved police positions, as at 30 September 2022;
- b) nil vacancies, as at 30 September 2022;
- c) all positions in the Gold Coast Rapid Action Patrol are permanent positions; and
- d) the Gold Coast Rapid Action Patrol responded to 877 calls for service in the Southport Police Division between 30 September 2021 and 30 September 2022. In addition to responding to intelligence holdings and other requests for assistance, the Gold Coast Rapid Action Patrols also undertook regular prevention and disruption operations, focused patrols targeting high risk offenders, road safety taskings, and search warrants in the Southport Police Division.