Question on Notice No. 1349 Asked on 10 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Minister's 19 October 2022 media release on the recent roll out of body worn cameras which, according to the manufacturer, rely on the 4G network for livestreaming and a court in Townsville found the 4G network could not be relied on for the electronic monitoring of juvenile offenders— Will the Minister advise how police and the community can have confidence that the technology will actually work?

ANSWER:

I understand the coverage area for the Telstra 4G network, according to Telstra, reaches 97.9% of the Australian population.

However, where there is no network coverage, I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the body worn cameras (BWC) continue to function as a BWC and will recommence its livestream function when a network connection is re-established. BWCs do not rely on the network to function.

I am further advised by the QPS that the live stream function is available in most parts of the State, including Cape York and the Torres Strait.

I am advised that the QPS and its officers are very satisfied with the latest BWC and are excited about the additional features of long battery life, better audio and visual recording, and livestream capability.