

Question on Notice
No. 1369
Asked on 10 November 2022

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

QUESTION:

Will the Minister detail the costs associated with staffing and traffic management for the 2022 Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500?

ANSWER:

The Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500 is a major international sporting event, attracting thousands of visitors each year to the Gold Coast.

As the member would be aware, there are a number of Queensland Government agencies involved in staffing major sporting events such as the Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500. I am limited to being able to provide information regarding costs incurred by departments within my portfolio.

I am advised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS) that the Gold Coast policing response for the 2022 Boost Mobile Gold Coast 500 included approximately 5,276 officer hours on normal rostered shifts and 179 hours of overtime.

The QPS recover costs from the event organiser for all overtime, allowances, specialist equipment hire and fuel. Reconciliation of costs associated with the 2022 event are still to be finalised however indicative costs to be recovered are approximately \$25,000.

In relation to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES), I am advised that they provide additional operational support and protection to the Gold Coast community during major events, including the Gold Coast 500.

I am advised that QFES are involved in the planning and operations of the event to ensure the continued delivery of fire protection services to the premises and the public located within the race precinct. These services include management of fire and potential fire emergencies off track, management of hazardous material emergencies and rescues from road accidents off track. Additionally, assistance may be provided on-track, if required.

I am further informed that QFES entered into an agreement with V8 Supercars Australia Pty who were billed for contractual services in accordance with the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*. The invoice levied totalled \$72,250. This includes costs associated with the provision of staffing and resources above normal fire and rescue service delivery to the community.