

Question on Notice
No. 354
Asked on 31 March 2022

MR S O'CONNOR ASKED MINISTER FOR POLICE AND CORRECTIVE SERVICES AND MINISTER FOR FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES (HON M RYAN)—

QUESTION:

Will the Minister provide the call for service data and the number of full-time employed (FTE) or equivalent officers, separately for each Police Division in the Gold Coast District (reported separately by year for the last three years)?

ANSWER:

This Government has committed to the biggest boost to policing in Queensland in three decades. The 2021/22 record 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.

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 84 police positions since 2015.

Please note that the approved permanent positions for Police Divisions do not include any specialist District, Regional and Central police services which from time to time may be located within divisions, such as the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Intelligence, Road Policing and Scenes of Crime.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Broadbeach Police Division was 63, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 63 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 63.

The QPS advised that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Coolangatta Police Division was 35, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 34 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 34.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Coomera Police Division was 67, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 82 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 92.

The QPS advised that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Mudgeeraba Police Division was 22, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 22 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 22.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Nerang Police Division was 33, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 39 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 39.

The QPS advised that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Palm Beach Police Division was 33, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 33 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 33.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Robina Police Division was 29, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 29 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 29.

The QPS advised that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Runaway Bay Police Division was 24, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 24 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 24.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Southport Police Division was 100, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 101 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 101.

The QPS advised that the approved police strength as at 30 June 2019 in the Surfers Paradise Police Division was 110, the approved strength as at 30 June 2020 was 108 and the approved strength as at 30 June 2021 was 108.

The Pimpama Police Division was established on 24 February 2022 following the completion of the new Pimpama Police Facility.

Police Divisions on the Gold Coast have access to specialist police services within the District, Regional and Central Functions, including Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Intelligence, Road Policing and Scenes of Crime.

I am advised by the QPS that the call for service data for each Police Division in the Gold Coast District as at 30 June for the last three financial years is provided in the tables below.

Number of calls for service, all Gold Coast Police Divisions, 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2021^(1,2)

Divisions	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021
Broadbeach	15,395	18,391	18,417
Coolangatta	9,579	10,142	7,759
Coomera	31,783	32,531	32,272
Mudgeeraba	6,243	6,269	6,382
Nerang	14,346	14,371	13,286
Palm Beach	10,454	11,954	10,778
Robina	8,361	8,529	8,256
Runaway Bay	7,988	8,800	8,257
Southport	29,426	32,758	31,074
Surfers Paradise	13,394	14,562	17,223

Notes:

1. This data is preliminary and may be subject to change.

2. These data have been extracted using the initial call for service type and are subject to change.