Question on Notice No. 381 Asked on 10 May 2022

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

QUESTION:

With reference to the Hervey Bay Police Station— Will the Minister provide the approved strength of the general duties section as at the 22 April 2022?

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 North Coast Police Region, which includes Hervey Bay.

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.

I am advised by the QPS that the approved strength as at 22 April 2022 in the Hervey Bay Police Division was 55.

In addition to the approved police strength for the Hervey Bay Police Division specialist District, Regional and Central police services such as the Criminal Investigation Branch, Child Protection Investigation Unit, Tactical Crime Squad, Intelligence, Road Policing and Scenes of Crime provide specialist support to the Division as required.