

Question on Notice
No. 61
Asked on 23 February 2022

Mrs L Gerber asked Premier and Minister for the Olympics (Hon. A Palaszczuk)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the many cross-border issues that border communities need to navigate, including those highlighted by the Queensland Government's border restrictions and closures—

Will the Premier commit to funding a Queensland Cross-Border Commissioner?

ANSWER:

During the border restrictions in 2020 and 2021, senior executives from the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, Queensland Health, Queensland Police Service and other agencies were in very regular contact with the New South Wales Cross Border Commissioner to resolve issues arising as a result of the border zone restrictions.

This engagement approach ensures Queensland is well represented in discussions in relation to border communities and all portfolio agencies are responsive to the needs of residents in border communities, without the need for a specific additional officer.